

# THE MESSIAH AL READIE COME.

O R  
PROOFS OF CHRISTIANITIE, BOTH OUT  
of the Scriptures, and auncient Rabbins, to convince the Iewes,  
of their palpable, and more then miserable blindnes ( if more may  
be ) for their long, vayne, and endles expectation of their  
MESSIAH ( as they dreame ) yet for to come.

Written in Barbarie, in the yeare 1610, & for that cause directed  
to the dispersed Iewes of that countrie, & in them to all others now groaning under  
the yoake of this their long & intollerable captivitie : which yet one day shall  
hane an end : ( as all other states and conditions in the world , they haue  
their periods) eu'en when the fulnes of the Gentiles is come in, and  
when that vayle shall be taken away from their  
hearts, as is prophecied.

Bretheren, my hearts desire and prayer to God for Irael is, that they might be  
saved. Rom. 10. 1.

For I would not ( Bretheren ) that ye should be ignorant of this secret ; that partly obsti-  
nacie is come to Irael, untill the fulnes of the Gentiles be come in : and so all Irael shall  
be saved ( as it is written &c. ) Rom. 11. 25.

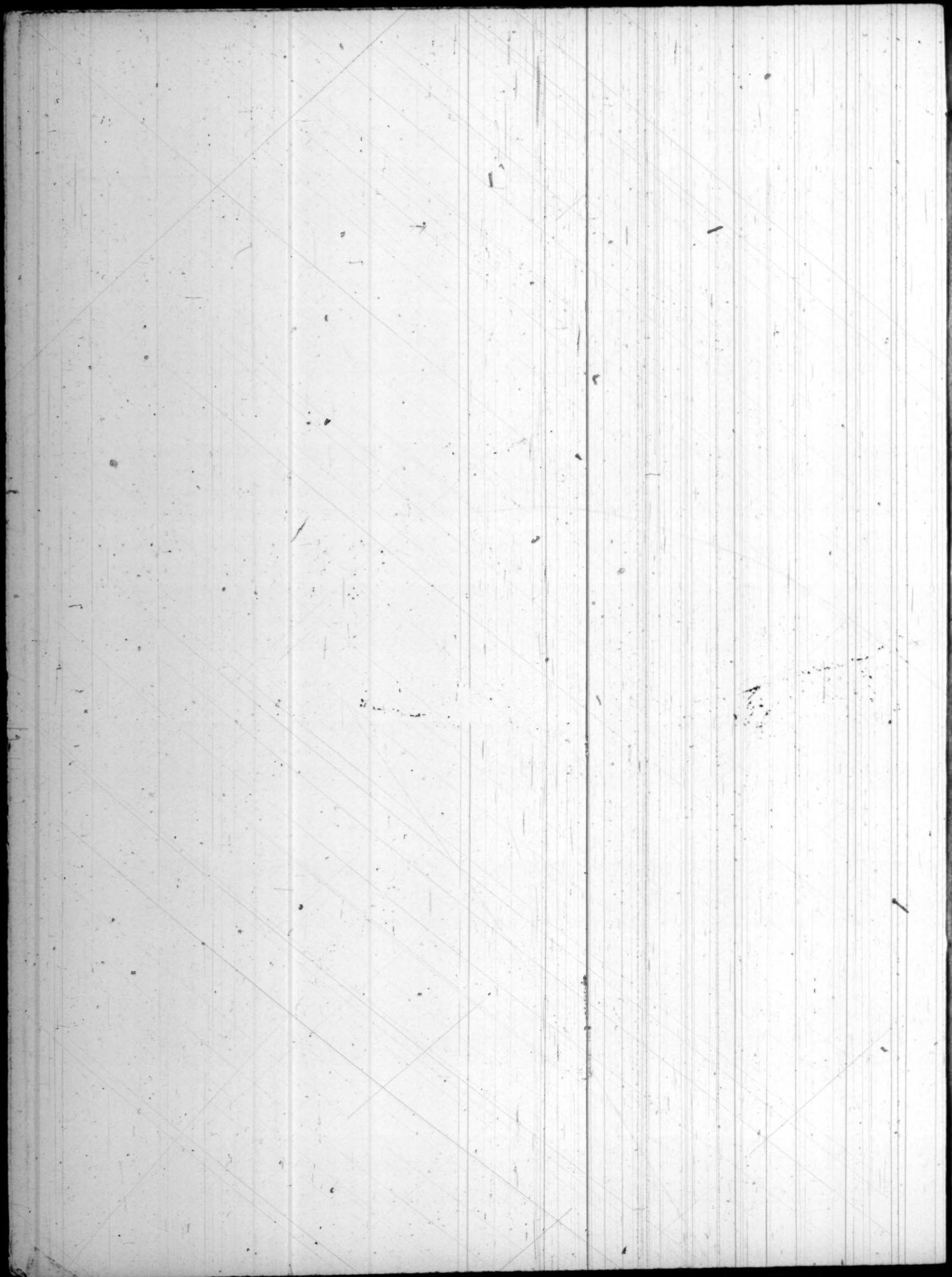
And Ierusalem shall be troden under foot of the Gentiles, untill the time of the Gentiles  
be fulfilled. Luke 21, 24.

Euen to this day when Moses is read the vayle is layd over their hearts : nevertheles,  
when their heart shall be turned to the Lord, the vayle shall be taken away. 2 Cor. 3, 15.  
Verely, I say unto you, ye shall not see me, untill the time come that ye shall say, Blessed is  
he that commeth in the name of the Lord. Luke 13. 35.

How beautifull are the feete of them which bring glad tydings of peace, and bring glad  
tydings of good things. Rom. 10. 15.

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# TO THE HIGH AND

M I G H T I E P R I N C E, M A U R I C E,  
Prince of Orange, Count of Nassau &c. Governour and  
Captaine generall of the united Provinces, and  
Knight of the most noble order of  
the Garter.

*Also,*

To his princely Brother HENRIE.

*And*

To the States Generall  
all happines.



Iight high and excelent Prince,  
and most Christian States

For two reasons I haue made bold to de-  
dicate unto you this Treatise heareafter fol-  
lowing. The one in respect of that intyre  
amitie, & correspondence, vvhich vvas be-  
twixt my deare Master deceased *Prince Henrie*, of fa-  
mous memorie, and your excellencie vvhom he much ho-  
noured, & thereof gaue fundrie testimonies, both publique  
and private, vvhерeof my self (having the honour to be one  
of his servants neare unto him, and by reason of my at-  
tendance much in his presence) vvas oftentimes an eare-  
witness. And that your princely Brother (*alter idem*, an  
other *Henrie*, *cujus ego nomine ipso recreor*, euен for my  
Masters sake, that gone is, and for that affection he shew-  
ed towards his Highnes, both in life and death) vwho vwas  
much conversant vwith him before his sicknes, and in his  
sicknes came divers times to visite his Highnes, and to  
condole vwith us in our heavines, can also I make no  
doubt vvitnes sufficiently : vwhose hearts, or rather but  
one heart and soul ( as it is in that place) seemed to be

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<sup>1 Sam. 18, 1</sup> knitte together, like the soule of David and Ionathan, by a mutuall sympathy, as in name, so in nature and correspondence of disposition : vvhich had not untimely death prevented, some further covenant, like that of David and Ionathan might perhaps in time haue been concluded, vvorthie such heroicall spirits. An other reason is, for that the persons vvhom this argument chiefly concerneth, to vvit, the Ievves, manie of them remayne in your countrie, and haue their habitation in peace and safetie : not in that slaverie as in other nations, accounted of in the basest maner that may be, in the number of dogs rather then of men. Which though it haue fallen upon them by the just judgment of God, yea, & by their ovn judgement upon themselues, so much the more just: his blood be upon us, and upon our children : yet are they children of the promise, and *beloved for the fathers sake*, as Paul pleadeth for them in divers places, alledging both their prerogatiues and priviledges aboue the Gentiles:

<sup>Rom. 3, 1.</sup> *What is then the preferment of the Iew* (sayth he) *much every maner of way.* For to them apperteyneth the adoption, & the glorie, and the covenants, and the giving of the Law, and the service of God, and the promises : of whom are the Fathers, and of whom concerning the flesh Christ came &c. And in that respect vve Gentiles ought not so proudly and tyrannously to insult over them (as many doe) especially Christians of all others, should not adde affliction to affliction: but rather pitie & bewayle their induration (as Paul doth in the place before cited) expecting vwith patience their conversion in due time, as the Lord hath promised, for if God himself loue them being his enemies (for *they are beloved* (as I said before) *for the Fathers sakes*, as he loved us before our conversion (*when we were his enemies he loved us*: so the Apostle testifieth) vwhy should vve Christians hate and abhorre them, vwho are so highly in Gods

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Gods account : euen the beloved of the Lord ) and hold them in such disgrace & contempt as we doe : as in my small observation , and experience , I am able to testifie , both by that I haue seene and heard : vwhich rather exasperateth them against our profession then otherwisc. Which harshnes and uncharitablenes of ours , together vwith the Idolatrie , and superstition of the Church of Rome,in worshipping of Images, and such like tromperie , I am persvaded haue been two mayne obstacles to their conversion hitherto : as some of the in Barbarie objected to me , saying : the Christian Religion could not be the true Religion , for that it allovveth the vvorshipping of images , vwhich is exprefly against the Lavy : *Thou shalt not make to thy self any grauen image.* And if we say they crucified Christ , and therefore we hate & abhorre them , euen to the third and fourth generation , that is to say , their posteritie for ever : so doe vve daily by our crying finnes , *euen crucifie againe the Lord Iesus* , they but once & unvvittingly ( as S. Peter testifieth ) vve often , and that both vvittingly , and vvillingly , to our greater condemnation , in respect of the fulnes of knowledge vve haue in the Messiah. This is that *fulnes of the Gentiles* , alreadie come in ( vwhereof the Apostle long since prophecie ) as in knowledge abounding , so in sinne superabounding , and that generally through out all nations. Of vvhom I doubt much vwhether I may say ( as it vvas sayd in times past of the Amorites as touching their fulnes ) it vvas not yet come : for I am sure the fulnes of the Gentiles ( as touching sinne ) is alreadie come : fulnes of bread , & abundance of idlenes , as in Sodome : yea fulnes , & lothsomnes , euen of Manna it self : as the children of Israel in the end waxed vwearie of that heauenly foode , so is it vwith us in respect off the foode of our soules. Els vwhat meaneth so manie Sects , and Schismes in our Church at

Act. 3, 176

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this day? Diseases arising from some bad humours and corruptions in the bodie (as all diseases doe) which therefore ought to be purged. Surely the varietie of the one argueth a fulnes and facietie of the other. We are fallen from the *names of Christians*, giuen to the Primitiue Church, to be baptized into newe names; Anabaptists, Armanians, Lutherans, & *id genus farina*: Corne I may not call them, but chaffe: yea rather *tares sprung up with the good corne*, overspreading, and overtopping it too in many places: but *both must growe together till the harvest*. Yea our fulnes and nicenes is such, as we can tast no manner of meat almost, but what some curious cooks for the nonce provide for us: everie one must haue a cooke for his owne palate. We are fallen into that tyme foreprophecyed by the Apostle, 2 Tim. 4. *For the tyme will come when they will not suffer wholesome doctrine, but having their eares itching, shall after their owne lusts gette them a heap of teachers.* We are euен wearie of Manna, as the children of Israel were. And therefore now that they haue fasted so long time, and that fulnes of the Gentiles come upon us; it standeth both with the Lords justice, and his mercie, both to us and them, to doe to them as he did to us at the first, and to us as he did to them. *Behold therefore the bountifulnes & the severitie of God, toward them which haue fallen severitie, but toward thee bountifulnes if thou continue in his bountifulnes, or els thou shalt also be cut off: & they also if they abide not still in unbelief shall be grafted in, for God is able to graffe them in agayne.* Of which glorious work of the conversion of the Iewish Nation, & finishing of that *mysterie of godlynes*; if your excellencie (& you most Christian States) shall be the first beginners in your owne Countrie, as you haue alreadie playd your parts against the *mysterie of iniquitie*, both at home and abroad, both by sea and by land, as the chief bulwarks of

Christian

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Christian Religion at this day against the power of Anti-christ and all his adhærents, whereof you haue borne the brunt (as Tullie sayth of the Scipioes ; they were *propugnacula belli punici*) and therefore deserue the prize aboue all other Nations ) you shall not onely advance your honour in this world ( as you haue done alreadie , both in martiall affayres, and otherwise by a generall eye of policie ( or rather so manie Argos eyes ) watching over all estates, to kcepē thē upright & in order : especially those wonderfull, extraordinarie, and magnificent ( I may well call them so) works of charitie towards the poor, in those your stately hospitals, and guesthouses, and such like places of provision : no crying for bread nor complayning in your streets ) but also in the world to come , you shal advance your selues in honour & glorie aboue the heauens : where you shall shyne like so many starres in the firmament, and as the sunne in his strength : for so it is sayd : *they that turne many to righteousness shall shine as the sunne in his brightness, & they that honour me ( sayth the Lord) I will honour : then the which what greater incouragement ?*

And so hoping your Excelencie, and Honours, will at leastwise take in good worth these my endcavours which for the reasons beforc mentioned , I haue made bold to dedicate & present unto you in the waie of my pilgrimage (one of the number of those unfortunate ones, who together with the losse of his master, hath lost all other hopes, and therefore constreyned to seeke after new fortunes ) I refer the censure hereof to your Princely and Honourable considerations , To whose service

I rest devoted

*John Harison,*

# AENDEN DOORLVCHTIGEN

HOOGHGEBOORNEN VORST ENDE

Heere/ Heere M A V R I T S / Prince van Orangien / Grabe van Nassauw &c. Gouverneur ende Capiteyn Generael der vereenighde Nederlantsche Provincien / &c. ende Bidder vande seer Ed. Ordre vanden Zarter.

Als mede

Den desseljs Princelycken Broeder

HENDRICK:

Midtgaders,

Aende Edele Hooghmooghende Heeren/myne Heeren de Staten Ghenerael der voorsz. Nederlantsche Provincien wenscht den Autheur alle ghelucksalicheyt.



Oorluchtighe/ hooghgeboorne Vorsten /  
Edele/ hooghmooghende Heeren &c.

Midts twee redenen hebb' ick my verstout / V.  
Pr. Exc. ende Ed. Mog. dit naer volghende Tractaat te dediceren. D'ene ten aensiene van die sincere vrientschap ende correspondentie/ die daer was tusschen wplent mynen werden Meester Prince HENRICK loffelijcker ghedachtenisse/ en V. Pr. Exc.

die ph seer eerde/ daeraf beyde publique ende private diverse ghetuypghissen waren gevende/ synnde ick selfs (d'eere hebbende baute zijn een van sijn Dienaers by hem/ ende ten aensiene van mynen dienst seer veel in syne presentie) dictinaels gen oogh ghetuypghie daer af ghelwest. Ende dat V. Pr. exc. princelycken Broeder (alter idem, een ander HENDRICK cujus ego nomine ipso recreor, om mijns overledenen Meesters wille/ eyde overmidts d'affactie die hy tot sijn Hoogheydt/ bepde in leven ende doodt heeft bewesen) die voor sijn sieckte met hem converseerde/ ende in sijn sieckte verscheyden ryspen quam om syne Hoogheyt te besoeken/ ende met ons in onse droeffenis te condoleeren/ sulcr mede/ soo ick niet twyfle/ ghenoeghsaemlijck can ghetuypghen. Welcker (mijns overledenen Meesters ende V. Pr. exc. princelycken Broeders) herten/ ofte eer maer een herte ende siele (ghelycht in sulcken deele oock is) schenen te gader verknocht te zijn ghelyck de siele van Daviden ende Jonathan/ door eene onderlinghe sympathie (ghelyck in naeme) alsoo inde natuere ende correspondentie van dispositie: tusschen welche/ ten waere de doodt hem (mynen Meester) ontydichlyck gheprevenieert hadde/ eenigh voorder verbondt/ gelijck dat van Daviden ende Jonathan/ naermaels veellicht hadde moghen besloten werden/ een verbondt (seggh ick) sulcken heroischen ghemoeeden weerdigh. D'andere redene is/ om dat de persoon

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personen dien dit argument voornaemlijck aengaet/ namentlijck de Ioden/ veele van die haer in V. Ed. Mog. Landen zijn onthoudenende/ ende hare wooninghe hebben in vrede ende seeckerheydt : niet in sulcke slaverny als wel onder andere Nationen/ daer sy ghehouden zijn opt aldervilste ende verachtelycste/ alst zijn can/ eer gherekent onder 'tghetal van honden als van menschen : 'twelck alhoewel het op hun is ghevallen door het rechtveerdigh voordeel Gods / jae door haer ets ghen voordeel over hun selven/ dies noch te rechtveerdiger : sijn blot de come over ons ende over onse kinderen : soo zijn sy nochtans kinderen der belofteniss. / ende ghemindt om der vaders wille/ ghelyck Paulus voor hun in diverse passagien is spreechend:/ allegorande bepde haer prerogativ en ende privilegien boven de Heyden: Wat is dan nu het voordel der Ioden? Rom.3,2. seyt hy, 'tis waer, gheheel veel, want hun behoort toe het kindtschap, ende de heerlicheydt, ende de verbonden, ende het gheven vande Wet, ende de Gods-dienst, ende de beloften : Derweleker oock de Vaders zijn, ende uyt welcke Christus afcompt nae den vleesche, &c. Ende oversulcx en behoozen wy Heyden niet so hoebeerdichlyck ende tyraminchlyck over hun uyt te springhen (ghelyck vele zijn doende) Insonderheyt en behoozden Christene voor alle anderet niet te voeghen afflictie tot afflictie : maer eer metlyden te hebben ende beweenen haer verstockinghe (ghelyck Paulus inde voorghesteerde passagie is doende) verwachtede met ghedult haere bekeeringhe ter rechter tydt/ als de Heere belooft heeft/ Want indien God selfs haer lief heeft/ sy synne vanden zynde (want sy zijn/ soo ick hier vooren gheseydt hebbe/ ghemindt om der Vaderen wille) ghelyck hy ons voor onse bekeeringhe heeft lief ghehad (Doe wy syne vyanden waren heeft hy ons lief ghehad : soo den Apostel ghetuyght) hoe souden ofte behoozen wy Christenen te haten/ de ghene die soo hooghlyck by Godt zijn gheacht/ jae de gheminde des Heeren/ ende haer in sulcken smaet ende verachtinghe te houden/ als wy doen : ghelyck ick in myne cleynne waerneminghe ende er�arentheydt betuyghen can/bepde door't ghene ick ghesien ende ghehoort hebbe : 'twelck haer eer teghen onse professie verbittert/ als andersins. Welcke hert hardicheydt ende onvriendlicheydt vande onse/ met tsaamen de afgoderpe en supersticie vande Roomische Kercke int vereeren van beelden ende dierghelycke abuysen / ick vastelyck gheloove/ tot noch toe geweest zijn twee groote obstatulen tot haere bekeeringhe : ghelyck eenighe van hun myn Barbarien hebben voorgheworpen/ segghende : dat de Christelijcke Religie niet conde zijn de waere Religie/door dien dat sy approveert het vereeren der beelden/ 'twelck uydrukkelijck tegens de Wet is: Ghy en salt u selven gheen ghesneden beelt maecken. En indien wy segghen/ dat sy Christum hebben gheruyght / ende dat wy haer daeronme zijn hatende/ jae tot de derde ende vierde gheratierie/ te weten/ haere posteritept inder eeuwicheydt toe/ soo doen wy daghelycx met ons roepen sonden/jae cruyzighen den Heere Iesum op nieuwys. Syl. maar eens/ ende onwetenlijck (ghelyck S. Peter

Acto.3.17.

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ghetuygght) wyp dichmaels/ ende dat verde wetertlyck ende willigh-  
lyck tot onser groter verdoemenisse / ten aensien vande volcomen-  
heydt der kennisse die wyp vanden **S**messiah hebben. Dit is de vol-  
heydt der **H**eydenen alreede inghegaen (waeraf den Apostel soo lan-  
ghe gheleden heeft ghepropheteert) ghelyck in kennisse abonderende/  
alsoo in sonde superabonderende/ ende dat werpen gheneraelijk alle  
Natiën upp/ van de weiche/ ich seer twyssele / off ick mach segghen  
(ghelyck in voorleden tyden vanden Amoziten haere volheydt aen-  
gacide/ gheseydt werdt) dat het noch niet ghecomen was : dan ick  
bin vrysechert/ dat de volheydt der **H**eydenen (sonde aengaende) al-  
reede ghecomen is/ volheydt van broodt/ ende overvloedt van ydels-  
heidt/ ghelyck in **S**odoma. Iae volheydt ende walghinghe van  
**M**anna selfa : ghelyck de kinderen van Israël int laetsie walgheden  
van die hemelse spysse/ soo ist met ons ten aensien van de spysse onser  
zielēn. Woorts wat bringt soo veel **S**catten ende **S**cishuen in onse  
Kercke huyden ten dachte voort (sietken spruytende upp eenige qua-  
de humuren ende corruptien int lichaam/ ghelyck alle sietken doen/  
'welck oversulcx behoort ghepucht heert te wesen) waerlijcken de ver-  
schepdenheydt van d'rene is een argument vande volheydt ende ver-  
saedtheypdt van d'andere. Wyp zijn gevallen vande namen van **C**hi-  
stenen/ ghegeven der Primitive Kercke/ om ghedoopt te worden in  
nieuwe naemen/ als **W**ederdooper's/ **A**merikanen/ **L**utheranen/ &  
id genus farinæ. Cooren mach iclise niet noemmen/ maer **C**af : jae  
eer onkruydt opghesproten in dat goedt cooren/ bedekende en over-  
wassende het te veel in vele plaatzen : maer het moet bepde t'jamer  
wassen totten Dogstoe. Iae onse volheydt / ende onse delicateheydt  
is foodanigh / dat wyp gheen soerte van spysse byna comen smacluen/  
dan wat eenighe curicuse Coken ex industria voer ons zyn vereyden-  
de: elcke moet eenen Cock voer syn epghen tonge ende licel hebbēn:  
Wyp zijn gevallen in dien sydt vanden Apostel te vooren gheprophe-  
teert 2 Tim. 4. Want de tydt sal comen dat sy gheen heylaeme lecre  
sullen lyden, maer hebbende d'oren jueckende, sullen naer haer eyghen  
lusten hen kryghen eenen hoop Leeraers. Wyp walghen eveneens vant  
**M**anna/ als de kinderen van Israël deden. Ende oversulcx nu sp  
soo langhen tydt gevast hebbēn/ ende dat volhept der **H**eydenen over  
ons compt : staert bepde by Gods rechteverdictheypdt / ende syne ge-  
nade bepdaet ons ende henwaerts / henlieden te doen / als hy ons int  
eerste heeft ghedaen/ ende ons ghelyck hy henlieden ghedaen heeft.

**A**ct. 11. 26. **A**far. 13. 24. **R**om. 11. 22 Daerom siet de goedertierenheydt ende streng-  
heydt jeghens de ghene die gevallen zijn , ende de goedertierenheyde  
aen u, soo verre ghy in syne goedertierenheydt blijft, oft anders sult ghy  
oock afgehouwen worden : ende ghene ist dat sy niet blyven inden  
ongheloove, soo sullen sy ingheplant werden, want Godt can hun wel  
wederom in poten. Van welck heerlyck werk vande Bekeeringhe  
der Joodscher Natië/ ende beleydinghe van dat Mysterium der  
godtsalicheyt/ indien **V. P.** Erc. ende ghy Alderchristelijcke **S**ta-

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ken sult zijn de eerste beghinners in uwe eyghene Landen / gheleijck  
ghy alreede nu deel hebt ghedaen ende bewesen teghens het mysteri-  
um der godtloosheyt / bepde t' hups ende bumpten / te zee ende te Lan-  
de / als de voornamste Bolwercken der Christelijcker Geligie hup-  
densdaeghs tegheu de macht des Antichrists ende aller spuer Adhe-  
renten / waer door ghyl. V. doorghevochten hebt (ghelyck Tullius  
seght van de Scipionen ; dat sy waren propugnacula belli punici) ende  
oversulcx verdienien den prijs boven alle andere Nation. So en sult  
ghyl. niet alleenlyck uwe eere in dese wereldt hooghlyck avanceren  
(ghelyck ghyl. alreede hebt ghedaen / bepde in oorlooghs-saecken en  
andersins / door een alghemeen ooghe der policie ( ofte eer soo menige  
Argus ooghen ) waekende over alle Staten omme die opgherecht en  
in ordre te houden / voornamlijck / aljulcke wonderbaere / extraordi-  
narische heerlijcke ende voortreffelijcke ( ick machse also wel noemen )  
wercken der Lieden jeghens den armen / in alsulcke uwe statelijcke  
Spitalen / Gasthupsen / ende andere dierghelycke Provisie-plaetsen :  
niet schreyende om broode noch biddende op uwe strateu ) maer ooc  
inde toecommende wereldt sult ghyl. u selven avanceren in eere ende  
heerlicheyt boven de hemelen : alwaer ghy sult schynen ende blinc-  
ken als soo menighe sterren aent Firmament / ende ghelyck de sonne  
in haer cracht. Want sooder gheseydt is : de ghene dieder vele tot  
de gherechticheyt brengen / sullen schynen als de sonne in haere clac-  
hendt : ende de ghene die my eeran ( seyd de Heere ) sal ick eeran.  
Wat grooter encourageringhe dan dese ? Ende hopende dat V.  
Vr. Exc. ende Ed. Mog. sullen ten minsten in goeder Weerde ende  
danch aennemen dit myn wreki / dat ick om de voorverhaelde rede-  
nen wille my verstout hebbe aan V. Vr. Exc. ende Ed. Mog. te de-  
diceren / ende presenteren in dese myne pelgrinage ( een vant ghetal  
van die onghelucksalighe / die tsamen metter vries van synen Mee-  
ster / heeft verlooren alle andere hepan / ende oversulcx bedwonghen  
ben in uwe fortynnen te soeken ) remittere ick hiernide de censure  
van desen aan V. Vr. Exc. ende Ed. Mog. weerdighe consideriken :  
Tot welcker dienst

ICK blyve den aldertoeghedaensten /

Ichan Harrison.

## To the Reader.



Must confess ( Christian Reader ) that a great part of the proofs following, together with the methode, I haue borrowed out of a Book called the Christian Directorie or Resolution, in English, which I had with me in Barbarie: none els of that argument, but the Book of Bookes, which is the Bible. And therefore least any one should accuse me hereafter of secret theft ; I doe ingeniously acknowledge before hand with the Poet : Fateor me transtulisse. But yet with many additions, and alterations of my owne, I haue made it of right ( as it were ) my owne , without any wrong to the Author. And so I referre it to thy Christian censure.



THE

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ALREADY  
COME.



Ist for the promises and prophecies of old as touching the coming of a Messiah, whom we call CHRIST, both they and we agree, both of us reading dayly in our Churches & Synagogues, teaching & holding for canonicall the verie self same Scriptures, euen the Law and the Prophets. In so much that the Gentile is oftentimes enforced to marvile, whē he seeth a people so extreāly bent one against another, as the Iewes are against Christians, and yet doe stand so peremptorily in defence of those verie principles, which are the proper causes of their disagreement. But in the Interpretation & application thereof ariseth all the controversie, they understanding and applying all things literally and carnally to their long looked for Messiah yet for to come, we after a spirituall maner understanding all those promises and prophecies to be most truly and really fulfilled in the person of our blessed Mefiah, alreadie come, they expecting a temporall King, to rule and conquer in this world, we acknowledging a spirituall King, whose kingdome is not of this world, as himself did many tymes protest, while he was in the world : *My kingdom is not of this World.* To beginne with Adam and so forward.

*Gods Promise to Adam.*

THE first promise as touching the Messiah is this made to Adam after his fal, for the restoring of mankind, to witte that the seed of the woman should breake the serpents head, that is to say Gen. 3, 15. one of her seed to be borne in tyme should conquer the devel death and sinne, as the auncient Iewes understand this place, which being a spirituall conquest and againt a spirituall enemie the devel, he ( I meane the Messiah) must needs be a spirituall, and

2                  *The Messiah alreadie come.*  
consequently not a temporall King, as the Iewes imagine.

### *Gods Promise to Abraham.*

**T**He second to Abraham Isaack & Iacob often repeated. To Abraham Gen. 12. 3. *In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed.* To Isaack Gen. 26. 4. *In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.* To Iaakob Gen. 28. 14. *In thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.* Therefore the Gentiles aswell as the Iewes, the blessing is generall without exception, *all the families of the earth, all nations,* no prerogatiue of the Iewe, no exception of the Gentile, as touching the Messiah, I meane the benefit of this so generall and great a blessing, though otherwise much everie waye, as the Apostle reasoneth to the Romans. Whereupon I inferre as before, that the Messiah must be a spirituall and not a temporall King: otherwise it had been but a verie small benediction to Abraham, or others after him (who neaver sawe their Messiah actually) if he must haue been onely a temporall King, and much lesse blessing had it been to us Gentiles, if this Messiah of the Iewes must haue been a worldly and a temporall Monarch, to destroy and subdue all those Nations formerly blessed (*and blessed shall they be*) to the servitude of Iurie, as the later Teachers doe imagine.

### *The Prophecie of Iaakob.*

**T**He third (which confirmeth the former) is the prophecie of Iaacob at his death Gen. 49. 10. *The roade or scepter shall not depart from Iudah, nor a Lawgiver from between his feet, till Shiloh come and the people or nations shall be gathered unto him.* Which the Chalde Paraphrase, as also Onkelos, both of singuler authoritie among the Iewes, doe interpret thus. Vntill Christ or the Messiah come (which is the hope and expectation of all nations, aswell Gentiles as Iewes) the government shall not cease in the house or Tribe of Iuda. Whence I inferre the same conclusion as before, that if the Messiah must be the hope and expectation, aswell of the Gentiles as of the Iewes, then can he not be a temporall King to destroy the Gentiles, as the later Iewes would haue it, but a spirituall King, as before hath been declared.

Secondly, if the temporall Kingdome of the house of Iuda, whereof the Messiah must come, shall cease and be destroyed at his

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his comming, and not before, that being a certayne signe of the tyme of his manifestation, how then can the Iewes expect yet a temporall King for their Messiah, the scepter alreadie departed & gon, their kingdoine and priesthood defaced, their citie and temple destroyed, themselues scattered amongst all nations, and so haue continued almost this sixteene hundred yeres, yea such a fatall and finall desolation by Gods just judgment brought upon that wofull Nation, & that not many yeares after the death and passion of our Saviour Iesus Christ, according to his prophecie in his life tyme, as may fully settle our fayth in this poynt. Luk. 19. 42.

## The Prophecie of Moses.

**T**HE fourth is that of Moses to the people of Israel, The Lord Deu. 18. 15  
thy God will rayse up unto thee a Prophet like unto me, from among you, euen of thy bretheren, unto him ye shall hearken, &c. and in the ver-  
ses following, I wil rayse them up a prophet from among their bretheren ver. 18.  
like unto thee (sayth God to Moses) and will put my words in his mouth,  
and he shall speake unto them all that I shall command him, and whosoever  
will not hearken unto my words, which he shall speake in my name, I will re-  
quire it of him. Which words cannot be understood of any other  
Prophet that ever lived after Moses amongst the Iewes, but one-  
ly of the Messiah, as appeareth most playnly in another place in  
Deutro. where it is layd, There arose not a Prophet in Irael like un- Deu. 34. 10  
to Moses, whom the Lord knewe face to face, in all the miracles & Won-  
ders which the Lord sent him to doe, &c. no such Prophet except the  
Messiah ever after to be expected: but the Messiah, he it is that  
must match and overmatch Moses everie waie, he must be a man  
as Moses was in respect of our infirmities, euen according as the  
people of Israel themselues desired the Lord in Horeb, saying, let Deu. 18. 16.  
me heare the voyce of the Lord God no more, nor see this great fire any more,  
that I dye not. And the Lord sayd unto Moses, they haue well spoken, I  
will rayse them up a Prophet from among their bretheren, like unto thee, &c.  
He must be a Lawgiver, as Moses was, but of a farre more perfect  
Law, as hereafter shall appeare, he must be such a one whom the  
Lord hath knowne face to face, as he did Moses, but of a far more  
divine nature. For as it is in Esay, Who shall declare his age? Lastly, Esa. 53. 3.  
he must be approved to the World by miracles, signes, and won-  
ders, as Moses was, which the Lord shall send him to doe, as he  
did Moses. But no such Prophet hath ever yet appeared in the  
world,

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world, nor ever shall, who hath so fitly answered this type, so perfectly observed the Law of Moses (which Moses himself could not doe) giving us in stead thereof a farre more excelent Law, as was prophecied long before that he shou'd. And finally, so miraculoufly approued himself to the world, to be sent from God, by signes and wonders donne both by himself & his Apostles, as hereafter shall appear ) except this Christ which we professe, therefore he alone is the truc Messiah and no other to be expected

*The Prophecie of David.*

**T**He fist, is the prophecie of David, a type also of the Messiah, who for that he was a holy man, a man after Gods own heart, out of whose linage the Messiah was to come, had this mysterie most manifestly reveiled unto him, for the assurance whereof as of a great mysterie, euen that of Christ and his Church, God byndeth himself by an oath saying, *I haue made a covenant with my chosen, I haue sworne unto David my servant, thy seed will I stablish for ever, and set up thy throne from generation to generation, Selah.* Which words although the later Iewes will apply to King Salomon (and so in some sorte they may, for that he was also a type of the Messiah) yet properly these words, *I will stablish the throne of his kingdome for ever,* so often repeated, cannot be verified of Salomon, whose earthly Kingdonie was rent and torne in pieces, streight after his death, by Ieroboam, and not long after, as it were extinguished, but they must needs be understood of an eternall King and kingdome, as must also those other words of God in the psalme: *Thou art my sonne this day haue I begotten thee, aske of me, and I will give thee the Heathen for thyne inheritance, & the ends of the earth for thy possession, Thou shalt crush them with a rod of iron, and break them in pieces like a potters vessel,* which prophecie was never fulfilled in Salomon, nor in any other temporall King in Iewrie after him. And much lesse

Psal. 89.3.

2 Sam. 7.13

1 Kin. 12.

Psal. 2.7.

Psal. 72.5.

Ver. 7.

ver. 37.

this that followeth, *They shall feare thee as long as the sunne and moone endureth from generation to generation. In his daies shall the righteous flourish, and abundance of peace so long as the moone endureth.* His dominion also shall be from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. *They that dwell in the wildernes shall kneele before him, and his enemies shall lick the dust.* The Kings of Tharsish and of the yles shall bring presents, the Kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifis, yea all Kings shall worship him, all nations shall serue him. *His name shall be for ever, his*

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name shall indure as long as the sunne, all Nations shall be blessed in him, and shall blesse him. And blessed be the Lord God, euen the God of Iſrael which onely doth wonderous things. And blessed be his glorious name for ever, and let all the earth be filled with his glorie, Amen, Amen. And so he endeth as it were in a traunce, ravished beyond measure, with the sweet and heauenly contemplation of this spiritual and everlasting kingdome of the Messiah, for to him and to no other can all these circumstances and hyperbolical speaches of David (rapte with the spirit of prophecie) properly and primarily apperteyne, though literally the Iewes understand them of Salomon, as they doe many other places in like case, applying them onely to the type, never looking to the substance, whereof those types and figures were but shadowes and semblances, God of his mercie in his good tyme take away the vayle from their hearts, that at length they may see the true Salomon in all his royltie, not any longer to grope at noone dayes, wincking with their eyes against the cleare sunne like their forefathers, as it is in Esay : a most fearefull judgment of God layd upon that Nation of old, objected to them many tymes and oft, both by Christ and his Apostels, but in vayne, goe and say unto this people, ye shall heare indeed but shall not understand, ye shall playnly see and not perceiue, make the heart of this people fatte, make their eares hearie, and shutte their eyes, least they see with their eyes, and beare with their eares, and understand with their hearts, and convert and be healed. Whereupon ensueth (euen upon this wincking and wilfull obstinacie) a most severe denunciation of finall desolation. Lord how long (sayth the Prophet) and he answered untill the cities be wasted without inhabitant, the houſes without a man, and the land be utterly desolate, &c. But yet a tenth reserved to retурne, a holy ſeed remayning in due tyme to be converted. This judgment and desolation, hath been a long tyme upon them, they feel it and groane under the burden of it, as their forefathers did in Egypt under Pharaoh, & yet wincking shutte their eyes and will not ſee it, I meane, acknowledge the true cause of these ſo great judgments revealed from heauen upon them, euen the contempt of Gods holy Prophets ſent unto them from tyme to tyme, but especially of the Messiah, whose blood lyeth heavily upon them, euen to this day, as their forefathers desired, his blood be upō us & on our chiſtren, which all the world ſeeth is come to passe, yea they themſelues feele it, yet wincking with their eyes

Eſai. 6.9}

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they will not see it. But there is a tenth to returne &c. The rest which will not this their Messiah to raigne over them, let them look into that parable in the Gospel, there shall they finde a farre more fearefull destruction denounced then the former. The first being but for a tyme, but a type of the other, but a beginning of woes, the other eternall, for ever and ever. The first he pronoun-  
*ceth with teares over Ierusalem , the second he denounceth as an  
angrie Judge, provoked at length to execute his fierce wrath upō  
them, without any compassion at all. His words are these : More-  
over, those mine enemies, which would not that I should raigne over them,  
bring them hither, and slay them before me. Which words of our Sa-  
viour although they will in no wise beleeve, no more then they  
did the former, yet shall they find his words one daye, as truly  
fulfilled to them in the one, as they haue done alreadie in the o-  
ther. And howsoever hitherto they haue esteemed of him as a  
false prophet, a deceiver, yet hath he been to them but too true a  
Prophet in all their calamities both first and last. And so after this  
long digression I come to the next.*

*Luc.19, 27.*

### *The Prophecie of Ieremie.*

**T**He sixt, which confirmeth the former, is that of Iere. 23, 5.  
*Behold the dayes come sayth the Lord, that I will rayse up unto David  
a righteous braunch, and a King shall raigne, &c. And this is the name  
Whereby they shall call him, the Lord our righteousnes.*

This was spoken of Davids seed aboue 400 yeeres after David  
was dead and buried, which proveth manifestly, that the former  
promises were not made unto him for Salomon his sonne, or any  
other temporall King of his line, but onely for the Messiah, who  
was called so peculiarly the sonne and seed of David.

### *The Prophecie of Ezechiel.*

**T**He seauenth, which also confirmeth the other, is that of Eze, 34. 23. *I will set up a shepheard over them, he shall feede them, even  
my servant David, &c. In which words the Iewes themselues doe  
confesse, in their Talmud, that their Messiah is called by the name  
of David, for that he shall descend of the seed of David, and so it  
must needs be, for that King David being dead so long before,  
could not now come againe in his owne person to feed them  
him self.*

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The Prophecie of Isaie.

The eight, is the prophecie of Isaie, 2. 2. *It shall be in the last  
days, that the mountayne of the house of the Lord shalbe prepared in  
the toppe of the monutaines, and shall be exalted aboue the hilles, and all na-  
tions shall flowe unto it, &c. for the Law shall goe forth of Syon, and the  
Word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge among the Nations.*  
Which verie words Michah repeateth, cap. 4. 1. and are applyed  
there as also here unto the Me'siah, they can haue no other mea-  
ning, by the judgement of the Iewes themselues. In that daie  
*shall the budde of the Lord be beautifull and gloriouſ, and the fruit of the* Isai. 4, 2.  
*earth shall be excellent. Unto us a child is borne, & unto us a ſonne is giuen,*  
*and the gouernment is upon his ſhoulders, he ſhall call his name Wonder-  
full, Councillor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of peace,*  
*the increase of his gouernment ſhall haue none end.* And in the 11.  
chap. *There ſhall come a rod forth of the ſtock of Iſhai, and a graffe ſhall  
growe out of his root, & the ſpirit of the Lord ſhall reſt upon him. Behold  
your God cometh &c. Then ſhall the eyes of the blynd be lightned, and the  
cares of the deaf ſhall be opened, then ſhall the lame man leape like a hart,  
and the dumme mans tongue ſhall ſing, &c chap. 35. 4. And he ſayd,  
it is a ſmall thing that thou ſhoudest be my ſervant, to rayfe up the tribes  
of Jacob, and to reſtore the deſolations of Iſrael. I will alſo giue thee for a  
light of the Gentiles, that thou mayeft be my ſaluation unto the ends of the  
earth. chap. 49. 6.*

Out of all which places before aledged, I conclude, firſt the co-  
ming of a Messiah, which the Iewes will not denie: ſecondly, that  
he muſt be King aswell of the Gentiles as of the Iewes, which they  
cannot deny: thirdly that he muſt be a ſpirituall and not a tem-  
porall king, as they imagine. It followeth next to be proved,  
that he muſt be both God and man, euen the ſonne of God: the  
ſecond person in Trinitie to be bleſſed for evermore, which alſo  
they muſt not deny.

That the Messiah muſt be both God and Man.

The Iewes at the firſt agreed with us in all or moſt poynts as  
touching the Messiah for to come, denying onely the fulfilling or  
application thercof in our Saviour, but ſince the later Iewes find-  
ing themſelues not able to ſtand in that iſſue againſt us, they haue  
devised a new plea, ſaying, that we autribute manie things unto  
Iſus, that were not foretold of the Messiah to come, namely, that

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he should be God, and the sonne of God, the second person in  
Trinitie, which we will proue both by Scriptures, as also by the  
writings of their own forefathers. For Scriptures, it is evident by  
all ( or the most) alledged before, that the Messiah must be God,  
euen the sonne of God, indued with mans nature, that is, both  
God and man. So in Genesis, where he is called *the seed of the woman*, it is apparent he must be man, and in the same place, where  
it is sayd, *he shall breake the serpents head*, who can doe this but one-  
**Isai. 4. 2.** ly God? So in Isay, where he is called, *the budde of the Lord*, his  
Godhead is signified, and when he is called *the fruit of the earth*, his  
**Isa. 7. 14.** Manhood. And so in an other place. *Behold a virgine shall conceive  
and beare a sonne, and thou shalt call his name Imanuel*, that is to say,  
*God with us*, which name can agree to none, but to him that is  
both God and man. And who can interpret these speeches, that  
*this kingdome shall be everlasting Isa. 9. That his name shall be for ever,  
it shall indure as long as the sunne and the moone, That all Kings shall wor-  
ship him, all nations serue him, Psal. 72. worship him alle ye Gods, Psal.  
97. that no man can tell his age, Isai. 53. that he must sitte at the right  
hand of God. Psal. 110. Who, I say, can understand or interpret  
them but of God, seeing in man they cannot be verified, with  
which place of Scripture the Euangelists doe report, that Iesus did  
put to silence divers of the learned Pharises : for, sayth he, *if the  
Messiah be Davids sonne, how did David call him Lord?* signifying,  
thereby, that albeit he was to be Davids sonne, as he was man,  
yet was he to be Davids Lord as he was God, and so doe both  
**Micah. 5. 2.** Rab. Ionathan, and their owne publique commentaries inter-  
pret this place. Michah is plaine, *His going forth is from the beginning,  
and from everlasting*, And Isay is bold to proclaime him by his owne  
name, euen God, and to giue him his right stile, with all his addi-  
tions, (as Herolds to great Kings and Princes use to doe) he  
**Isai. 9. 6.** shall call his name, *Wonderfull, Councillor, the mighty God, the everla-  
sting Father, the prince of peace, &c.* In vayne therefore is that obje-  
ction of the Iewes, that El, or Elohim, signifying God, is some-  
tymes applyed to a creature, here it cannot be so, nor in the next  
place following, Psal. 45. 6. *Thy throne o God is for ever and ever, &c.*  
*Wherefore God euen thy God hath anoynted thee with the cyle of gladnes a-*  
*boue thy fellowes*, which cannot be applied to Salomon, but as a type  
of the Messiah. Howsoever the name IEHOVA which is of such  
reverence among the Iewes, that they dare not pronounce it, but  
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in place thereof read Adonai, that I am sure they will never grant to belong to any creature. Then what say they to that of Ier. 23. 6. where the Messiah is called in plaine termes Iehovah, *And this is the name whereby they shall call him, Iehovah our righteousness.* So likewise, chap. 33. 16. over againe is he called by the same name *Iehovah our righteousness.* And so doe the auncient Jewes themselues expound this place, namely, Rabbi Abba, who asketh the question what the Messiah shall be called, and answereth out of this place, he shall be called the Eternall Iehovah. The like doth Mistrasch, upon the first verse of the 20 Psalme. And Rabbi Moyses Hader-san, upon Gen. 41 : expounding that of Zephania 3. 9. concludeth thus : In this place Iehovah signifieth nothing els but the Messiah, and so did one of the Jewes at unawares acknowledge to me, alledging that place out of the Psalmes, *the Lord doth build up Jerusalem &c.* that their Messiah at his coming should build a new citie and Sanctuarie, much more glorious then the former. So did he also interpret that place of Hagg. 2. 10. of a third temple. Whereupon I inferred, seeing in those words he alledged, *the Lord doth builde up Jerusalem*, the Hebrew word is *Iehovah*, therefore by his own interpretation the Messiah must be Iehovah which he could not well shifte off, but sayd that Adonai (for Iehovah they dare not name) must there be understood, which point of the Godhead of the Messiah the most auncient Jewes did ever acknowledge proving by sundrie places of Scripture, not onely that he should be the sonne of God, but also the word of God incarnate.

First that he should be the sonne of God, they proue out of Gen. 49. 10. *The scepter shall not depart, &c. till Shiloh come.* Which Rabbi Kinhi proveth to signifie his sonne, that is the sonne of God. Out of Isai, where he is called *the budde of the Lord.* Out of Isai. 4. 2. the Psalmes, where it is sayd, *thou art my sonne, this day haue I begotten thee.* And a little after *kisse the sonne least he be angrie, and ye perish,* blessed are all they that trust in him, which last words cannot be understood of the sonne of any man, for it is written, *Cursed be the man that trusteth in man,* Ier. 17. 5.

Psal. 2. 7.

Secondly, that he shalbe the Word of God, they proue out of Isay, as also out of Hosea, where it is sayd, *I will saue them by the Lord Hose. 1, 7- their God.* Ionathan translateth it thus, *I will saue the by the Word of their God.* So where it is sayd, *The Lord sayd to my Lord,* sit at Psal. 110. 1.

*my right hand, &c.* The Lord sayd to his Word, sit at my right hands

**Psa. 107, 20** Also where it is sayd, *He sent his Word and healed them.* Rabbi Isaack Arama, upon Gen. 47. expoundeth it to be meante of the Messiah, that shall be Gods Word: So likewise that of Iob, *I shall see God in my flesh, &c.*

**Iob. 19, 26.** Rabbi Simeon upon Gen. 10. gathereith therupon, that the Word of God, shall take flesh in a womans wombe.

**Deut. 6, 4.** Another out of these words; *Iehovah our God is one Iehovah,* proveth the blessed Trinitie, saying, by the first Iehovah, is signified God the Father, by the next, which is Elohim, God the sonne, and by the other Iehova, God the Holy Ghost proceeding of them both: to all which is added the word *one*, to signifie, that these three are indivisible, but this secret (sayth he) shall not be reveiled untill the coming of the Messiah. These are the words of Rabbi Ibda, reported by Rabbi Simeon, in a Treatise called Zoar of great authoritie among the Iewes, where also the sayd Rabbi Simeon interpreteth those words of Esay, *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,* in this manner. Esay by repeating three tymes *Holy* (sayth he) doth signifie as much as if he had sayd: Holy Father, holy Sonne, and holy Spirit: which three *Holies* doe make but one Lord God of Hosts, which mysterie of the blessed Trinitie, Rabbi Hacadolch gathereth out of the verie letters of IEHOVAH, upon those words of Jeremie before recited, the two natures of the Messiah both divine and humane, his two filiations, the one whereby he must be the sonne of God, the other whereby he must be the sonne of man: concluding thereupon, that in him there shall be two distinct natures, and yet shall they make but one Christ, which is the same that we Christians hold.

Philo that learned Jewe shall ende this first consideration, touching the nature and person of the Messiah, as himself writeth in his Book *De Exulibus*, By tradition we haue it, sayth he, that we must expect the death of an high Priest, which Priest shall be the verie Word of God, voyde of all sinne, whose Father shall be God, and this Word shall be the Fathers wisdome, by which all things in this World were created, &c. Therefore the Messiah must be both God and man, both by the Scriptures, as also by their owne writers, they cannot deny it.

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**A**S the Messiah must be both God and man, even the naturall and onely begotten Sonne of God, and the verie Word of God

God incarnate, voyde of all sinne, able to satisfie the wrath of his Father, and to fulfill the Law of Moses for us, which Moses himself could not doe, nor any other after him. It was a burdensome Lawe to the children of Israel, *A yoke which neither they nor their fore-fathers were able to beare*: so having once in his owne person most exactly accomplished the same here on earth, together with all rites, ceremonies, prophecies, types, figures, and circumstances, of his comming, clearely fulfilled in him and by him. It was necessarie (I say) the substance being once come, those shadowes and ceremonies should cease and be abolished, I meane the ceremoniall Law totally, for as touching the morall Law, or the Commandements he sayth, *I came not to destroy the Law or the Prophets, but to fulfill them*, onely thus farre hath he abolished that too, he hath taken away the curse of it, hanging it on his crosse, euen the handwriting that was against us, together with himself crucified.

Act. 15.10.

This ceremoniall Law of Moses (I say) consisting of such a multitude of ceremonies, figures, types, sacrifices, &c. all of them for the most part pointing at the Messiah to come; for by those outward signes and services appointed by God to his people, they were still put in mind of his covenant, and assured of his promise, that the Messiah should come. Moreover it being proper and peculier to one onely nation in all the world namely Iurie, the exercise thereof permitted, but in one onely place of that countrie, namely Ierusalem, whither everie man was bound to repaire three tymes everie yeere, to wit, at the Pasqua, Pentecost, and the feast of Tabernacles, there & no where else to offer sacrifice. I say this Lawe of Moses, being altogether ceremoniall, and peculier to that nation, it was necessarie at the comming of the Messiah, the same should be abolished, and a more generall and perfect Law giuen and established, a Law that should be common to all men, serue for all countries, tymes, places, and persons, otherwise how could the Gentiles be made pertakers of the covenant, aswell as the Iewes, how could all these nations, so farte distant from Ierusalem, repaire thrice everie yeere thither, how should everie woman dweling in the East or West Indies repaire thither for her purification, after everie childbirth, as by the Law of Moses she was commanded Levit. 12. Therefore it is manifest, that this Law of Moses was giuen to continue but for a tyme, euen till the comming of the Messiah, and then another to come in place to continue, till the

the worlds ende. This signified Moses to the people, after he had delivered the former Law to them, saying, *The Lord thy God will rayse up unto thee a Prophet like unto me, from among you, even of thy brethren, unto him thou shalt hearken.* As if he had sayd, yee shall heare me till he come, who must be a Lawgiver as my self, but of a farre more absolute and perfect Law, and therefore more to be reverenced and obeyed. And then he addeth in the person of God himself, this thundering sentence against all misbelievers : *Whosoever will not hearken unto my Word, which he shall speake in my name, I will require it of him.* Which words cannot be verefied in any other Prophet, after Moses untill Christ, for that of those Prophets *there arose none in Israel like unto Moses,* Deut. 34. 10. They had no authoritie to be Lawgivers, as Moses had, but were all bound to the observation of his Law, till Christ should come, whom Moses here calleth a Prophet like unto himself, that is, a Lawmaker, exhorting all men to heare and obey him. Hereunto the Prophets subscribe, none of them all presuming to take upon them that priviledge to be like unto him. A prophet like unto Moses, they must let that alone to the Messiah, whose office it is to change the Law of Moses, giuen upon mount Sinay, & in stead thereof, to promulgate a new Law, to beginne at Sion, as fayth the Prophet Isay :

Isai. 2. 3.

*The Law shall goe forth of Sion, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem.* Which cannot be understood of Moses Law, published eight hundred yeeres before this prophecie, and that from Sinai, not from Sion, but of the preaching of the Gospel, which began at Jerusalem, and from thence was spread over all the world. Which the same Isay foresaw, when talking of the Messiah, he sayth, *In that daie shall five cities in the Land of Egypt speake the language of Canaan, &c.*

Eze. 39. 18.

*In that daie shall the alter of the Lord be in the middest of the Land of Egypt, and a piller by the border thereof, unto the Lord. And the Egyptians shall knowe the Lord in that daie, and doe sacrifice and oblation, and shall vowe vowes, &c.* which could not be verified of the Law of Moses, for by that Law, the Egyptians could haue nether alter nor sacrifice, but it was fulfilled upon the coming of Christ, when the Egyptians were made Christians. Also in another place, *and theyles shall waite for his Law.* The same was likewise foretold by God in Malachie, where he fayth to the Iewes, and of the Iewish sacrifices. *I haue no pleasure in you, neyther will I receive an offring at your hands, for from the rising of the sunne, until the going downe of the same my name is*

Isai. 42. 4.

Mal. 1. 10.

great among the Gentiles, and in everie place incense shalbe offered unto my name, and a pure offering, for my name is great among the Gentiles, saith the Lord of Hosts. Wherein we see, first a reprobation of the Iewish Sacrifices, & consequently of the Law of Moses, which dependeth principally thereupon. Secondly, that among the Gentiles there should be a pure maner of Sacrifice, more gratefull unto God then the other, not limited eyther in respect of tyme or place, as the Mosaicall Law & sacrifice was. For so sayth God in Ezechiel, *I gave them statutes which were not good, and judgments, wherein they shall not live,* that is not good to continue perpetually, nor shall they live in thē any longer, but til the time by me appoynted. Of which tyme he determineth more particularly by Ieremie in these words. *Behold the dayes come, saith the Lord, that I will mak a newe covenant with the house of Irael and Iudah, not according to that covenant which I made with their Fathers &c.* where you see a new covenant or Testament promised different from the old, whereupon I conclude, the old Law of Moses by the Messiah must be changed into a new. Ezec. 20.25  
Ier. 31. 34.

*The tyme of his manystation with all other circumſtances.*

**N**ow for the tyme of his manystation, with all other circumſtances, of his birth, lyfe, death, resurrection, ascension and those things also that fell out afterwards, if we shall consider how particulerly, & precisely they were all foretold by the Prophets, and how long before (some hundredths some thousands of yeares) before they fell out; as also how exactly they were all fulfilled in the person of our blessed Saviour: all directed like so many lynes to one center: we shall (as it were in a mirrour) see and behold both the truth of Christian religion settled vpon a most firme & unmoveable center; as also the vanitie of all other religiōs whatsoever, especially this most vain expectatiō of the Iewes to this day, of their Mefiah yet for to come, as vaine and fond altogether, as was that opinion of one of the Phylosophers which the word center hath put me in mynd of, that the earth forsooth did move and the heavens stand still: & how far they are degenerate, not onely from all true light & vnderſtāding in heavenly matters, but also even from cōmon ſenſe and reaſon it ſelſe in things of that nature tending thereto.

And first for the tyme. Daniel who lived in the first Monarchie foretold that there ſhould be three monarchies more, the laſt the

test of all, to witt the Romane Empire, and then the eternall King or Messiah should come, his words are these. *In the dayes of these Kings, shall the God of heaven set up a kingdome which shall never be destroyed,* Dan. 2. 44. And just according to this tyme was the Messiah born, namely in the dayes of Augustus Cæsar, Luk. 2. (as both we Christians account aud the Iewes acknowledge) even in those halcyon dayes of peace when the temple gates of Janus were commanded to be shut, and vpon that very day when Augustus commanded that no man should call him Lord was this Prince of peace borne. Therefore to him agreeth this circumstanc of tyme very fitly, most vainly therefore doe the Iewes after this tyme expect for another.

**Gen. 49.10** Secondly Jacob who lived many yeares before, prophesied of this tyme very precisely, as already hath bene aleadged, that the Messiah whom he there calleth *Sibio* should come at that tyme when the scepter or goverment regall was departed from the house of Iudah, which was in the dayes of Herod, and never till then, who first vsurped that government, his father in law King Hircanus with all his offspring of the blood royall of Iuda, togither with the Sanhedrim put to death. The genealogies of the Kings and Princes burned. A new pedegrie for himselfe devised, In a word all authority regall what soever belonging to that tribe, at that tyme, quite extinguished. And just according to this tyme was our Saviour borne, namely in the dayes of Herod, Math. 2. 1. Therefore to him agreeth this circumstance of tyme very fitly: most vainly therefore doe the Iewes after this tyme expect any longer.

Thirdly God himselfe saith by his Prophet Haggai; that the Messiah whome he there calleth *the desired of all nations*: shall come in the tyme of the second temple, which was then but new built, farr inferior in statelynes and glory to the former built by Solomon, (which the old men in the booke of Ezra testify by their weeping when they sawe this second temple, and remembred the glory of the first. The wrods of the Lord by his Prophet Haggai are these. *Speake unto Zerubbabel: Who is left amonge you that sawe this house in her first glory and how doe you see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing? yet now be of good cheere O Zerubbabel for thus saith the Lord of hostis: yet a little while and I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the drie land. And I will move all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with glory saith the Lord of hostis. The glory of this*

**Ezr. 2. 12.**

**Hag. 2.**

this last house shalbe greater then the first &c. which must needs be vnderstood of the coming of the Messiah to wit his personall presence in this second temple, in whom is the fulnes of glory , & therefore could he and none other, fill it with glory, being himselfe indeed the King of glory. *Lift up your heads O yee gates and be yee lift up yee everlasting dores and the King of glory shall come in.* So doth Mallachie prophesy in these words. *The Lord whom yee secke shall speedily come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant whom yee desire, behold he shall come sayth the Lord of hosts &c.* And so indeed he did, for Christ Iesus came into the world during this second temple , and did himselfe likewise foretell the destruction thereof, which came to passe even in that age. Therefore to him agreeth, this circumstance of tyme very fitly, most vainly therefore doe the Iewes after this tyme , to wit the destruction of the second temple expect any further.

Fourthly the Messiah by the true computation of Daniels prophecie, accounting his Hebdomades or weekes for so many yeeres to be multiplied by seauen : that is to say weekes of yeares, ( as they must needs be understood ) was to come just according to the tyme before mentioned, his words are these: *Seventie weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thyne holy citie : knowe therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the Commandement to bring againe the people, and to build Jerusalem unto Messiah the Prince , shall be seauen weeks, and threescore and two weeke. And after threescore and two weeke shall the Messiah be slayne, and not for himself. And the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the citie and sanctuarie, and he shall confirme the covenant with many for one week , & in the middest of the weeke he shall cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease .* Which Hebdomades, or weeks of yeeres, whether we account from the first yeere of Cyrus who first determined the Iewes reduction , or from the second of Darius, who confirmed, and put the same in execution, or from the twentieth yere of Darius, for that he then made a new Edict in the favour of Nehemias, and sent him into Iury : everie way they will ende in the raigne of Herod and Augustus, under whom Christ was borne, or in the raigne of Tyberius, under whom he suffered. And by no interpretation can it be avoyded, but that this tyme is now out, aboue one thousand and fife hundred yeeres. Beside, this being a cleare prophecie of the Messiah ( howsoever somewhat more intricate and obscure, in respect of the yeeres, wherein the Prophet alludeth to the captivitie of Babylon, as some thinke)

must needs be interpreted according to the former prophecies also of the Messiah. And so doth the Prophet expound himself in the former words, namely that the Messiah should be slaine, before the destruction of the citie and Sanctuarie. Yet is there one weeke more to make up the number of seauentie, in the midst of which weeke the Messiah should be slayne, which came to passe accordingly, for in the middest of that weeke, that is about three yeeres and an half after his baptisme, Christ Jesus the true Messiah was

- Luk. 23. 14. stayne, and not for himself, for Pilat could find no fault in him : *I find no fault in the man, I finde no cause of death in him, I am innocent of the blood of this just man, look ye to it.* Not for himself but for us was he wounded ( as sayth the Prophet Isai ) *He was wounded for our transgressions.* Therefore to him doth this circumstance of tyme beare witnes, and consequently the Iewes after these tymes by God hym self appointed for the Messiah, expecting yet for an other besides the vanitic of this their expectation, they make God himself a lyer, yea and all their Forefathers Abraham, Isaack and Iacob, & all the holy Prophets ( whose children they hold themselues to be ) who all of them sawe these dayes, and prophecied of them, *Abraham rejoiced to see my day* ( sayth our Saviour ) and he sawe it, and was glad.) All these make they Lyers with themselues, whereby they shewe themselues, rather to be the children of the Divil, who is the father of lyes, then of Abraham, who is the father of the faithfull onely. For so did that vile serpent at the first, evn dare to giue God himself the lye ( as it is in Genesis ) God sayth there to Adam; *In the day that thou eatest of such a tree thou shalt dye the death :* No ( sayth the Divil ) it is not so, *ye shall not dye at all.* So doe these Imps of Sathan, *generation of vipers,* as John the Baptist in his time called them, evn just after the same maner. For sayth God by his prophets, at such a tyme will I sende the Messiah into the world, and by such and such markes, ye shall knowe him : no sayth this froward generation, it is not so, he hath not yet sent him, he is not yet come, we acknowledge no such marks, as that he shall be poor and of no reputation in this world, put to death. We look for a magnificent prince, we will none of such a base fellowe, as this Jesus to reigne over us, a false Prophet, a deceiver, and lo forth, with whatsoever els their malicious hartis can imagine, their blasphemous tongues, being set on fire of hel, are ready to utter to his disgrace. But let them looke into that parable of our Saviour

& there they ſhall find him another maner of perſo the they imagine, I will repeat it unto them. Moreover thofe mine enemys who would not that I ſhould raigne over them, bring them hither and ſlay them before me. God of his mercie giue them repenteance in tyme of their heynous and high blaſphemies, that they may mourne for him whom they haue pierced, euerie familie and tribe apart. Repent for the kingdome of heauen is at hand, And think not to ſay with your ſelues, we have Abraham to our Father, for I ſay unto you, that God is able of theſe ſtones, to rayſe up children unto Abraham. Now is the axe put to the roote of the tree. The laſt trumpet will blowe and then it will be to late, when ye ſhall heare that ſhrill voyce ringing in your eares arife ye deade and come to judgment, that voyce will awake you out of all your dreames, and make you arife whether ye will or no, when ye ſhall ſee the ſonne of man come in his glorie, euēn your long looked for Meſſiah, like a magnificent prince indeed, but little to the comfort of thoſe that remayne obſtinate. Awake therefore to your ſalvation that ye be not awakened hereafter to your condenmation:

*Awake thou that ſleepest, ſtand up from the dead, and Christ ſhall give thee light,* ſhake of all your ydle dreames and foolish fantasies of your imaginarie Meſſiah, fitter for children then men of diſcretion, conſider with your ſelues at length, how long ye haue overslept your ſelues, how manie ages are now paſt and gone, ſince both by computation of Scriptures (as aforesayd) as also by the obſervation of your owne Doctors, and Teachers, your Meſſiah was to come, and yet you ſee him not, no nor any likelyhood at all of his comming, more then at the firſt, yea rather all evidences and probabilities to the contrarie that may be, looke into your Talmud, and there ye ſhall ſee plainly, if you be not blynd there alſo as you are in the Scriptures, the vanitie of vanities of this your expeſtation, for ſo it is indeeſe.

It is often repeated in your Talmud that one Elias left this tradition, that the world ſhould endure ſix thouſand yeaſes, that is two thouſand before the lawe, two thouſand under the lawe, & two thouſand, after that vnder the Meſſiah. Which laſt two thouſand yeaſes, by all computation could not begin much from the birth of Ieſus. And your Rabbins long ſince complayned in that their Talmud, that there ſeemed to them in thoſe dayes ſeven hundred and odde yeaſes paſt ſince the Meſſiah by the Scripture ſhould have appeared; and therefore they doe marveyle whv God

so longe, deferreth the same much more then may ye marvel vpon whome the ends of the world are come.

Another observation cabalisticall they have vpon those words of Isa. 9: 7: *The increase of his government and peace shall have no end,* where the Hebrew word is lemarbeh signifying to increase or multiply ad multiplicandum: In which worde, because they finde mem to be shut which is not vsual in the middle of a word they gather many secrets, and amonge other, that seeing mem signifieth 600 yeares, so longe it shoulde be from that time of Isai, vntill the time of the Messiah, which accompt of theirs falleth out so just, that if you reckó the yeares fró Achas King of Iuda, in whose time I say spake these words, vntill the time of Herod vnder whom Christ was born, ye shall find the nuber to fail in litle or nothing.

A much like observation hath Rabby Moses ben Maimon in his Epistle to his countrymen the Iewes in Africa concerning the time of the Messiah, which he thinketh to be past according to the Scriptures above a thousand yeares, (he lived about the ycare of Christ one thousand, one hundred & forty) but that God deferreth his manifestation for their sinnes, since which time, hath passed almost 500. yeares more, and yet yee heare nothing of his coming. Consider this yee Iewes of Barbary for to you partly seemeth this Epistle to be written. Will you then stay still, and say stil after so many hundred yeares past and gone, that for your sinnes God deferreth yet his cominge, putting it of from one five hundred yeares to another, & so in infinitum? it is all one as if you say, that for your sinnes God hath broken his promise nowe, a thousande and six hundred yeares, and consequently it may be for your sinnes the Messiah will never come, this must be your last refuge, you may awell say the one as the other. But howsoever you make your selves sinfull, yea out of measure sinful, yet let God be iust and righteous in his promise (as it is written) make not him a lyer as you have done hitherto.

Psal 51. 4.  
Rom. 3. 4.

Iliae. 66.7.

To this purpose also apperteyneth the narration of one Elias (as Rabby Iosua reporteth it in the Thalmud) that the Messiah was to be borne indeed according to the scriptures before the destruction of the second temple, for that I say saith of the synagogue: *before she traveled, she brought forth and, before her paine came she was delivered of a man childe,* that is saith he, before the Synagogue was afflicted and made desolate, by the Romans she brought forth

Forth the Messiah. But yet saith he this Messiah for our sinnes doth hide himself in the seas and other desarts, till we be worthy of his comming. Which is as much in effect as if he had said, (the one as probable as the other) that perhaps for our sinnes and unworthines the Messiah may not come at all, but returne to heaven backe againe from whence he came. And why I pray you not have stayed awell in heaven all this while rather then in the seas and desarts for so many yeres, to no purpose. I am parswaded if Balaams Ass were aliue againe, and did heare these, and such like your idle fantasies & dreames touching your Messiah, the very ass woulde reprove you to your faces, and make you ashamed of them, wherof though I have read somewhat in divers authoress yet coulde I hardly beleeve any such absurdities to be delivered, much lesse defended, by any reasonable creatures, till I had heard somethinge my self. I urged that place of Genesis, to one of them, to witte, that the Scepter should not depart from Iuda till Shilo came, that is the Messiah, which being so long since departed and gone, I asked what reason they had, as yet to expect for a Messiah, he answered, the Scepter was not departed, they had their sheckes, that is to say, chief men of their tribes, in all parts, where they inhabite. Moreover that some of the Moores forsooth had brought them word of a people or nation of the Iewes, inhabiting in a farre countrie, he could not tell me the place where, but first there is a river to be passed, two trees, growing on cyther side directly one against another, which two trees, everie saturday and no day els, doe of their owne accord bowe one towards an other, making as it were a bridge for men to goe over. Now the Iewes, by reason that day is their Sabath may not attempt to passe over it. But the Messiah at his comming shall bring them altogether, into the land of promise, they knowe not how, rebuyld the citie and sanctuarie in a trice, much more glorious then ever it was before. To which purpose he alledged that place out of the Psalmes, (*The Lord doth buyld up Jerusalem & gather together the dispersed of Israel.*) So likewise interpreting that of Hag. (*the glorie of this last house shalbe greater then the first*) of this third imaginarie temple. So literally applying that of Isa, *that in those dayes the wolf shold dwell with the Lamb, the leoparde gyve with the kidde, the calf and the lyon & the faine beasts together, and a little childe to leade them, &c.* That these things should thus come to passe literally, according to the verie Hebrewe characters. This is

Psal. 147. 2

Hag. 2. 10.

Isa. 31. 6.

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Judg. 12.6.

all the knowledge they haue in the Scriptures , the bare Hebrew letters, and no more. Yet can they not speake one word of the true spirituall language of Canaan , but in steede of *Shiboloth* ( like those Ephraimites, they pronounce *Siboleth*, no interpretation spirituall of the celestial Canaan, the heauenly Ierusalem , of the spirituall temple, of the mysticall bodie of the Messiah, that is to say, his Church, no relish at all of the Spirit of God , or any spirituall worship amongst them. And yet forsooth they will be the people of God alone, and who but they , the children of Abraham, and of the promise, and none but they , yea they are so vaynly pufst up with the foolish pride of this their high pedegree, that they thinke verely and will speake it confidently ( I haue heard it from them, that none of them, unlesse for verie heynous offences as perjurie, or such like, shall be judged after this life, or be in daunger of hell fire, they onely to haue their punishment in this world , and not els. As though hell fire were onely prepared for us gentiles , and heauen onely for the Iewes, which unlesse they repent they shall find quite contrarie, if the words of our Saviour be found true , which hitherto they haue found but to true, to their woe, as I noted before. *I say unto you that many shall come from the east and from the west, and shall sute downe with Abraham, and Iсаак, and Iаакоб in the kingdome of heauen, and the children of the kingdome shall be cast out into utter darknes, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.* Where are now the Iewes with their loftie pedegree. Euen as Esau sould to Iаакоб his birthrigh for a messe of pottage , so haue the Iewes to us Gentiles their birthright to the kingdome of heauen , for a messe of idle dreames add fantasies they imagine to themselves , towres & castles in the aire, crownes & kingdomes in expe&tance, euen in this world, another paradice here on earth. But in the end they shall find themselves to haue been all this while in a fooles paradice, and as it were in a dreame, which when one awaketh vanisheth, and so I leaue them to their dreames and profound sleep,

Mat. 8.11.

*till it shall please God of his mercie to awake them.*

Thus then it is manifest both by Scripture, tradition, and obseruation of the Iewes themselves, that about the tyme before mentioned, to witte in the dayes of Augustus Cæsar, the newe Roman Emperor and of Herod the usurper King of Iury, who was the first that tooke away the scepter from Iuda , euen in the tyme of the seconde Temple, the true Messiah was to be borne. And hence is al-

was that the whole nation of the Iewes remayned so attente at this tyme more then ever before or since in expecting the Messiah. Wherupon so soone as ever they hearde, of Iohn Baptist in the desart, the Iewes sent Preists & Levites from Ierusalem to ask if he were the Ioh. 19. Messiah and in another place it is saide, as the people wayted & all men mused in their harts of John if he were the Messiah John answered & Luc. 3.15. saide vnto them &c. So that you see in those dayes the whole people of the Iewes wayted for his comming all men mused vpon their Messiah. So did also Iohn himselfe being in prison send two of his Disciples to Iesus demanding, art thou he, that shalt come or shall we Mat. 11.3. looke for an other, and againe at the feast of the dedication they came flocking to him from all parts they came round about him as it is in that place saying how longe dost thou holde us in suspence, if thou be that Christ tell us plainly. All which importeth the greate expectation wherein the people remayned in those dayes, of which fame, expectation, & greedy desire of the people, divers deceivers tooke occasion to call themselves the Messiah, Iudas Galileus, Iudas the sonne of Hezechias, Atonges a Shepharde, Theudas and Egiptus, all notable deceivers. But aboue all one Barcozbam, who (as the Talmud affirmeth, for thirty yeares together was received for the Messiah by the Rabbins themselves, til at last they flew him, because he was not able to deliver them from the Romans. Which facility in the people when Herod sawe, he caused one Nicolaus Damascenus to devise a pedigree for him from the Ancient Kings of Iuda, and so he as well as the rest tooke vpon him the tytle of the Messiah, whom divers carnall Iewes that expected the Messiah to be a magnificient King, as Herod was, would seem to beleeve and publish abroade, wherupon they are thought to be called Herodians in the Gospell, who came to tempte Christ, But all these deceivers are vanished and gone, their memoriall is perished with them; wherevnto our Saviour, seemeth to allude, where he saith; All that ever came before me are theeves & robbers, but the sheepe did not Ioh. 10.8.3. heare them. I say all these false Messiahs with their followers, they are vanished and gone; onely Iesus Christ and his religion, contrarie to all other religions in the worlde, without either sworde, speare or shield against all worldly strength and pollicy hath increased and multiplied and shall doe to the end of the world, as Gamaliel longe agoe prophecied to the Iewes, wilfully bent but all in vaine, even in the verie first infancie therof to have destroyed

*The Mefiah alreadie come.*

Act. 5, 38.

it. His words are these. *And now I say vnto you refraine your selues from these men, and let them alone: for if this councell or this worke be of men it will come to naught, but if it be of God yee cannot destroy it, least yee be found even fighters against God.*

Dan. 2, 44.

Wherefore to conclude at length this maine pointe of the time of Christs appearing which cutteth the very throat of the Iewes vaine expectation, seeing at or about that time there concurred so many signes and arguments together, as 1. the establishment of the Romane Empire newly erected (for then by Daniels prophesie was the God of Heaven to set vp his Kingdome). 2. The departure of the rod or scepter from the howse of Iuda. 3. The destruction of the seconde Temple, foretolde by our Saviour, and coming to passe accordingly even in that age. 4. The just calculation of Daniels hebdomades, or weekes of yeares. 5. The observation of Rabbinnes. 6. The publike fame and expectation of all the Iewes, together with the palpable experience of more then sixteene hundred yeares past since Iesus appeared; wherein we see the Iewish people in vaine doe expect an other Messiah, they being dispersed over all the worlde without Temple, Sacrifice, Prophet, or any other pledge at all of Gods favoure which never happened to them, till after the death of our Saviour: for that in all other their banishmentes, captivities, and afflictions, they had some prophesie, consolation or promise leste vnto them for theire comforte, but nowe they wander vp and downe (God having set a marke vpon them as he did vpon Cain) as a people forlorne, and abandoned both of God, and men.

*His lineage or pedigree.*

Ezay. 11, 1.

Luk. 2, 4.

Secondly the Messiah by the scripture was to be borne of the tribe of Iuda and to descend lineally from the house of David. *There shall come a rod forth of the stroke of Ishai &c.* So did our Saviour, as appeareth by his genealogie set downe by his evangeliſts Math. 1. Luk. 3. as also by the Thalimud it ſelue which layth that *Iesus of Nazareth crucified was of the blood royal from Zerubbabell of the house of David*, confirmed by the going vp of Ioseph and Marie his mocher, to Bethlehem to be taxed, *which was the city of David*, who was borne there, as also it is manifest for that the Scribes and the Pharisies who objected many matters of much leſle importance againſt him: as that he was a carpenters ſonne &c. yet never object-

ed they against him that he was, not of the house of David which could they haue proved would quickly haue ended the whole controversie.

*His birth with the circumstances thereof.*

**T**Hirdly, the Messiah by the Scripture was to be borne of a virgin, so sayth Isay. *Behold a virgin shall conceive and bring forth a sonne,* the Hebrewe is *He emphaticum* the virgin. And Isai appointeth this to Achaz, for a wonderfull & straunge signe from God, therefore, sayth he, *the Lord himself will give you a signe, behold,* which he could not haue done in reason, if the Hebrewe word in that place had signified a young woman onely, as some later Rabbins will affirme, for that is no such signe nor straunge thing, but verie common and ordinarie for young women to conceiue and bring forth children, and so did the Elder Iewes understand it, as Rabbi Simeon noteth. And Rabbi Moses Haddersan upon those words, *Truth shall bud forth of the earth;* sayth thus. Here Rabbi Ioden noteth, that it is not sayd, truth shall be engendred, but truth shall budde forth, to signifie, that the Messiah, who is meant by the word truth shall not be begotten as other men are, in carnall copulation. To the same effect, and after the same maner to be interpreted is that of Jeremie. *The Lord hath created a newe thing in the earth a woman shall compasse a man.* And Rabbi Haccadosch proveth by cabala out of many places of Scripture, not onely, that the Mother of the Messiah must be a virgine, but also that her name shall be Marie. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was ihus, &c. that Mat. 1, 18. is to say, after this straunge and extraordinarie maner, therefore must he needs be the true and undoubted Messiah.

The Messiah by the Scripture was to be borne at Bethlehem in Iudea, for so it is written by the Prophet. *And thou Bethlehem Mich. 5. 2.* *Ephraim shall be little to be among the thousands of Iudah, yet out of thee shall Mat. 2. 5.* *become forth unto me, that shall be the ruler in Israel,* &c., which place the chief Priests themselues quoted to that purpose, to Herod demanding of them where Christ should be borne, and they answered him, at Bethlehem in Iudea, for so it is written by the prophet, as before. So also David after much restles studie, and industrious search, to finde out this mysterie, &c. *I will not enter into the abernacle of my bouse, nor come upon my pallet or bedde, nor suffer myne eyes to sleep, nor myne eye liddes to stumber,* untill *I finde out a place for the Lord Psal. 132. 3.*

&c. At length, the mysterie being reveiled unto him, he doth at it were point to the verie place in the words following : *Loe, we heard of it as Ephrata, which is Bethlehem, Gen. 35. 19. and found it in the fields of the forest.* Then addeth, *We will enter into his Tabernacle, & worship before his footstool :* foreshewing that divine worship there afterwards done to Iesus by those *Magi or wisemen*, who came frō the east to worship him in that place, euen in the cratch, and before his footstool, *presenting unto him gifts, gold, frankincense & myrrh,* as was also prophesied in another place, that presents and gifts should be brought unto him from farre countries & by great personages. *The kings of Tarshish and of the yles shall bring presents, the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.* Cyprian sayth, it is an old tradition of the Church, that those Magi or wisemen were Kings, or rather little Lords of particular places, which is to be understood, such little Kings, as Iosuah slewe thirtie in one battaile, howsoever it is manifest they were men of place & reputation in their countries (neither are prophecies alwaies so strictly and litterally to be understood) They brought with them a great treasure, gold frankincense and myrrh, yea both Herod and all Jerusalem tooke notice of their comming. They had private conference with the king as touching the starre that appeared unto them, leading the to that most bright morning starre, whereof Balaam long before prophesied saying. *I shall see him but not now, I shall behold him but not neere, there shall come a starre of Iacob, &c.* Iesus then being borne at Bethlehem in Iudea (as was prophesied long before the Messiah should be) and indeed it standeth with great reason, that he that was to be the sonne of David, should also be borne in the citie of David: the circumstances also of his birth duely considered both before and after, first the Angels salutation to his Mother Marie, foretelling that his name should be Iesus, before ever he was concieued. So Esdras prophesied in the person of God himself, saying, *Behold, the tyme shall come, that these tokens which I haue told thee shall come to passe, &c. for my sonne Iesus shall appeare, &c. and after these same yeeres shall my sonne Christ dye :* Here is both his birth and passion, both his names, Iesus, Christ, plainly expressed. Which book though it be not canonicall, yet was it extant in the world before ever Christ was borne. Also Rabbi Haccadosch proveth by art Cabalist out of many places of Scripture, that the name of the Messiah at his coming shalbe Iesus, and among other he addeth

deth this reason, that as the name of him who first brought the Jewes out of bondage into the Land of promise, was Iesus or Iosua, (which is all one) so must his name be Iesus, that shall the second tyme deliver them. Secondly the Angels appearing to the shepherds in the night of the nativitie with this joyfull message from heauen, *Behold I bring you tydings of great joye, that shall be to all Luk. 2, 3, people, that unto you is borne this day in the citie of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord: And this shalbe a signe unto you, yee shall finde the child swadled and layd in a crach.*

Thirdly the starre that appeared, notifying his comming into the world, whereof not onely the wisemen, before mentioned, but also generally, all the Astronomers & soothsayers of that age took speciall notice, adjudging it to portend universall good to the earth, some gathering thereupon, that some God descended from heauen to the benefite of mankind, and for that cause had that starre an image erected to it in Rome, and as Plinies words are, *q's Cometa unus solo orbe colitur*, That onely Comet in all the world is adored. Fourthly his presentation in the temple, according to the Lawe of Moses, where openly carie old Symeon, by the motion of the spirit (for he had a revelation from God, that he should not see death, till he had seen the Lords Christ) took the child in his armes, acknowledged him for the Messiah, prophecieed that he should be a light to be revealed unto the Gentiles, appointed for the fall & rising againe of many in Israel, with other events, which afterwards came to passe. So did likewise Anna the Prophetesse, as it is in the same chapter. Fiftly, that most pitifull murder of all the Infants in and about Bethlehem, upon this occasion, as was prophecied by Ieremic, saying, *A voyce was heard on high, mourning and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children, and refused to be comforted, because they were not, Rachel was buried in the way to Ephrath which is Bethlehem*, & for that cause those infants were called her childe, albeit she were dead aboue two thousand yeeres before they were slayne, & aboue one thousand and five hundred before Ieremic wrote this prophecie. Among which Infants Herod also for more assurance, slew an infant of his owne, for that he was descended by the mothers side of the line of Iuda. Which crueltie comming to Augustus his eares, he sayd, he had rather be Herods swine, then his sonne, for that he being a Iewe was prohibited by his religion to kill his swine, though not ashamed to kill his sonne.

Sixtly his flying into Egypt herevpon, as also to fulfill that prophecie, out of Egypt have I called my sonne; which Isay intar-

**Mat. 2. 13.** geth further saying. Behould the Lord rideth upon a light cloud (which  
**Hos. 11. 1.** is his flesh, or humanity) and shall come into Egypt, and all the Idols  
**Isay. 19. 1.** of Egypt shall tremble) at his presence, which later pointe Eusebius  
**Euseb. lib. 6.** sheweth was fulfilled most evidently in the sight of all the world, for that no nation came to christian religion with so great celerity and fervour as did the Egyptians, who threwe downe theirre Idols before any other nation. And as they had beenes the first in Idolatrie to other countries, so were they, the first by Christ his coming vnto them, that afterwards gave exāple of true returne vnto their creator. It followeth in Isay, *I will deliver the Egyptians into the hands of cruel Lords* (these were the Roman Lords and Princes, Pompei, Cesar, Antonie &c. & a mightie King shall reigne over the &c. this must needs be Augustus the Emperor, who after the death of Cleopatra the last of the blood of the Ptolimies, tooke possession of all Egypt and subiected it as a province to the Romaine empire. But after these temporall afflictions threatned against Egypt, behold a most Euangelical promise of deliverance: *In that day shall five cities of the land of Egypt speake the language of Canaan, &c. In that day shall the altar of the Lord, be in the middest of the Land of Egypt &c. They shall crye unto the Lord because of their oppressors, and he shall send them a Saviour, and a great man, and shall deliver them, &c. The Lord of Hosts shall blisse them saying, Blessed be my people of Egypt, &c.* This blessing (I say) the Egyptians obteyned by our Saviours being in Egypt, whom here the Prophet calleth by his owne name Iesus, a Saviour, a great man. Finally, the comming of Iohn Baptist, his forerunner or Messenger, as was prophecied, *Behold, I will send my Messenger and he shall prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom ye secke shall spied by come to his temple. And againe, I will send you Eliah the Prophet, that is to say, Iohn the Baptist, in the spirit and power of Eliah, as an angell from heauen expoundeth it, appearing to Zacharias his father in the temple, fent to foretell him both of his birth, as also by what name he should call him, even Iohn, saying, thou shalt call his name Iohn, he shalbe great in the sight of the Lord, &c. he shall give before him in the power and spirit of Eliah.* And therefore our Saviour in plaine termes he calleth him Eliah, *Mat. 11. 14. And if you will receive it, this is that Eliah which was to come, he that hath ears to heare let him heare.* And as our Sauiour gaue him his due, before a multitude

**Mal. 3. 1.**

**chap. 4. 5.**

**Luk. 1. 13.**

itude then assembled, calling him Elijah : So did this Elijah also giue our Saviour his due, in acknowledging him for the Messiah, not assuming unto himself that honour offered unto him by the Jewes, but refusing it absolutely, and laying it upon Iesus our Saviour the true owner. Then, this is the recorde of John, when the Jewes Joh. 1, 20. sent Priests and Levites from Jerusalem to aske him, Who art thou, and he confessed and denied not, and sayd pluinely, I am not the Christ, I am not the Messiah. I baptise you with water, but there is one among you, whom ye knowe not, he it is that commeth after me, which is preferred before me, whose shoe lachet I am not worthe to unloose. These things were done in Bethabara, beyond Jordan, where John did baptise. The next day John seeth Jesus coming to him, and sayth behold the Lambe of God, which taketh away the sinne of the world. This is he of whom I sayd, after me cometh a man that is preferred before me, for he was before me, and I knew him not, but becaus: he should be declared to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. So John bare record saying, I haue the spirit come downe from heauen, like a dove, & abiding upon him. And I knew him not, but he that sent me to baptise with water, he sayd unto me, upon whom thou shalt see the spirit come downe, and stay still upon him, that is he which baptiseth with the Holy Ghost. And I saue and bare record, that this is the sonne of God. According as it is, in the other three Euangelists more at Mat. 3. 16. large expressed, how that Iesus when he was baptised came strait out of Mar. 1. 10. the water, and loe the heauens were opened unto him. And John saue the Luk. 3, 21. spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon him. And loe a voyce cam: from heauen saying, This is my beloved sonne in whom I am well pleased. The next day John stood againe, and two of his disciples, and he beheld Iesus walking by and sayd : Behold the Lambe of God, and the two John. 1, 32. disciples heard him speake and followed Iesus. All this was done at Bethabara, beyond Jordan in the sight and hearing of a number of people there present, as three of our Euangelists doe report, which they would never haue presumed to haue done, had not the matter beene most evident, and without all compasse of denyall or contradiction. And truely no one thing in all this storie of Iesus life, doth more establish the certaintie of his being the true Messiah, then that John the Baptist, whose wisedome, learning, vertue and rare sanctitie is confessed, and recorded by the writings of all our adverfaries, should refuse the honour of the Messiah offered unto himself, and lay it upon Iesus, and also should direct those disciples, that depended upon him, to the onely following and embracing

### The Messiah alreadie come.

imbracing of Iesus doctrine, which is most evidently proved, that he did for that somany followers and Disciples as himselfe had, not one appeared ever after, that was not a Christian.

These circumstances I say of the birth & cōming of the Messiah into this world so lōg before foretold by the Prophets & fulfilled so exactly in the person of our blessed Lord & Saviour wel considered; I may at length conclude, Heaven and earth concurring, men and Angels with all other creatures applauding therevnto, yea & God himselfe from heaven pronoucing it, *this is my beloved sonne in whome I am well pleased.* That therefore as sure as God is God and cannot lye nor give testimony to any vntruth, so sure is Iesus Christ the sonne of God, the true Messiah and Saviour of the worlde, no other to be expected.

### *His preaching or doctrine.*

**T**Hus having evicted by the birth of our Lord and Saviour Iesus Christ together with the circumstances both before and after, that he was by birthright the onely legitimate (as I may say) and true borne Messiah, all others that were before him, or since have sprunge vp or shall doe hereafter to the worlds end, but bastards, and usurpers, yea theves, and robbers, and that in the highest degree of theeverie that may be, even robbing God of his honor, which he wil not impart to any other: it remaineth yet furthere to demonstrate the same by his life, death, resurrection, affection, with all other accidents, and circumstances accordingly to be obserued, which may make this mistery more & more manifest, or rather palpable, as the Apostle witnesseth saying, that *which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen, with these our eies, which we have looked vpon, and these hands of ours have handled &c. that I say which we have seen and heard declare we unto you.* what can be more palpable?

After his baptisme he began to preach(hauing before gotten his living ( as most conjecture ) with his owne hands, and eaten his bread with the sweat of his browes, to shew himselfe true man, and that he was made a curse for vs, (as it is written, *in the sweat of thy browes shalt thou eat thy bread*) & what was his doctrine? of this world, or worldly delights, of pleasure, or profite, no, no, quite contrarie to the humours of this wicked world, and to the corruptions

corruptions of flesh and blood, which procured him the more hatred (as in all the four Evangelists, Mathewe, Marke, Luke, and John, who recorded both his sayings and doings may appeare:) wholly tending to the sincere service of God in spirit and truth, to the exaltation of Gods glorie, the beating downe of mans pride, by discovering his miserie, to the contempt of this wicked world and vaine pompe thereof, to the mortification of all sinnes in vs, patience, peace of conscience &c. in a word all directed to the manifestation of his fathers will and amendment of mans life: tending wholie to this one ground or principle *thou Deut. 6.9.*  
*shalt loue the Lord thy God with all thy soule which is the first and great commandement and thy neighbour as thy selfe, on which two hangeth the whole law and the Prophet.* *Mat. 22.37.*

The maner of his doctrine was simple plaine and easie, altogether according to the evidence of the spirit, not in the enticing words of mans wisdome like the heathen orators & Philosophers, nor like the Scribes & Pharisees, but with power and authoritie, without eyther scare or flatterie of any mans person, rebuking all mens sinnes even to their faces, which (I say) procured him such a generall hatred. It tooke away no one spirituall point of Moses law (but the ceremoniall onely and provinciall, which by the comming of the Messiah was to be taken away) yea rather revived, interpreted and made perfect the same, corrupted much by the Iewes false interpretations and glosses. That (as they taught) commaunding external obseruance onely, this adding internall obedience also. For whereas that enjoyned (according to the letter, and as they interpreted) to loue our neighbours and friends, and no further: this adjoyneth *love also your enemies, blesse them that curse you Math. 5. 43.* Whete that prohibited actually to commit adulterie, & no more (as they imagined) this forbiddeth the adulterie of the eye and of the verie hart. And so of all the rest of the decalogue our Saviours doctrine is nothing else but a most exact and sincere exposition, according to the true intent of the Law-giver God the father. Therefore I conclude this doctrine so quite contrarie to the grosse humours of this wicked world, and so repugnant to flesh & blood so wholly devoted to Gods glorie and the sincere observation of his law is the doctrine proper to the Messiah, which the Prophets of God foretold should be delivered by him (at his comming) into the world.

*His life and conversation.*

**F**or his life and conversation, (the expresse image of his doctrine) it was staineles, and without reproof, even by the testimonie of his very enimies: acknowledged also by the divills themselves. A man of such gravitie as never in his lyfe he was noted to laugh, but often to weepe: of such humilitie as being the sonne of God, yet scarce took vpon him the dignitie of a servant, of so mild and sweet a nature as all the injuries of his enimies never wrested from him an anerie worde, but on the contrarie prayers and teates in theire behalfs. In prayer often: the day he spent in the temple, and elsewhere, preaching to the broken harted, doing good to al men, healing all maner of diseases as the Prophets foretolde the Messiah should doe: the night on mount Olivet & other places in praier. In fastings often fortie daies & fortie nights togither: that the Jewes might knowe he was more then a man. Finally he was such a one as was described by God in Isay so many ages before he was borne. *Behold my servant &c. he shall not crie. A bruised reed he shall not break.* As also in Zacharie *Behold thy King commeth unto thee, he is iust & having salvacio, lowly, &c.* Such a one I say was our Saviour as touching his integrity, sanctity, pietie, humilitie & all other vertues even by the testimonie of his greatest enemies, Porphyry and others; yea of the Divils themselves. Ergo.

*His myracles.*

**F**or his myracles which he wrought for the confirmation of his doctrine, & approbation of his person, as sent from good the Jewes themselves doe graunt, and record the same in divers places of their Thalmoud: yea they make mention of many wonderfull thinges that Iesus did, which are not written by our Evangelists. So doth Mahomet in his Alcoran: affirming him to have beene a great Prophet, and to have wrought his myracles by the onely power and spirit of God. And they were such, as first were foretold by the Prophets, that the Messiah should worke, as namely; *to give sight to the blinde to open the eares of the deafe to make the lame to leape, the dumbme to speake, &c.* Secondly such as were altogether unpossible for any mortall man to effect, but by the meer power and finger of God

Is. 42. 1.

Zach. 9. 9. *not crie. A bruised reed he shall not break.*Porph. lib. *Behold thy King commeth unto thee, he is iust & having salvacio, lowly, &c.*

Delaud.

Philo

Is. 35.5.

of God, as the raysing of the dead to life againe, as he did Lazarus, after he had lyen foure dayes stincking in the grave. Lazarus his daughter; a cheif ruler of the synagogue. The widowes sonne before Iohn. 11. the gates of the city Nain in the presence of a multitude of people there assembled to the funerall. With many other straunge myracles recorded by such faithful witnessses (the Evangelists I mean) foure in number \* though two or three had been sufficient in lawe, who afterwardes sealed the truth thereof euен with their dearest blood, as did infinite others after them. Neyther could the Iewes of those times, compassed about with such a clowd of witnessses ever deny the truth thereof: the parties themselves then living, and conversing amongst them, upon whom they were wrought. They had no other evasion but this, to say (and that most blasphemouslie, contrary to their owne knowledge and conscience: and therefore our Saviour layeth it to their charge as that fearefull sin against the holy Ghost not to be praied for) that he wrought these his miracles by the help of Beelzebub the Prince of Divils. Wheras it is most apparent, the Divill himselfe had never that power giuen him to rayse one from the dead: and though he had, yet would he sooner by his good will, take away both lyfe and breath from all men at once ( if it were possible ) wishing all men in the world had but one head or neck, like that cruell tyrant in Rome rather than give life to any one, for he is a murtherer fro the beginning. And yet the Iewes themselves in their Thalmud doe acknowledge that the Messiah at his coming, shalbe most wonderfull in working myracles. And in their publick commentary vpon ecclesiastes they haue these words: all the former miracles of the Prophets or Saints, shall be nothing to the myracles of the Messiah when he cometh. But such were the myracles of our Saviour, the whole multitude applauding hereunto: † the like was never seen in Irael, he Mat.9.33, hath done all things well; never man spake like this man. Seing also it is impossible, yea blasphemie to think that God shoulde give testimonie, to any untruth, it must needs followe that all was true which Iesus affirmed, & therfore seing he affirmed himself to be the sone of God, and the Messiah, it must needs followe ( I say ) by these his miracles, that he was so in deed, according to that speech of his to the Iewes: " the workes that I doe in my fathers name they beare witness of me. And againe, \* If I doe not the workes of my father beieve Ioh. 10.25. 37. Luk.7.20.

Luk. 7. 20.

men not, but if I doe them though ye believe not me yett beleue my works. AS also that answer of his to Johns Disciples sent to inquire of him as touching that mysterie of the Messiah, art thou he that shall come &c. Jesus answered, goe and tell Iohn what things ye have seen and heard, the blinde see, the halt goe, the leapers are cleansed, the deafe heare, and the dead rise againe &c.

## The calling of his Apostles.

Math. 16.  
24.

Ch. 16. 23.

Joh. 6. 60.

Ch. 7. 48.

Mat. 8. 20.

Plut apo-  
phth prisc.  
regum.

**H**ereunto (as an appendix to his myracles) I may well annexe the calling of his Apostles, Disciples and followers, whereof Josephus maketh mention as of a great myracle, who being of divers callings states and conditions in the world, yet all on the so daine vpon his call lefte both Father, Mother, Wife, Children, & other temporall respects and followed him, who had nothing to give or promise them in this world but crosses and afflictions: *he that will be my Disciple let him take up his crosse and followe me.* A man that never spake them faire but ever cosseted them in theyr humors savouring of flesh & blood: *get thee behinde me Sathan, thou art an offence unto me.* His doctrine ever harshe hard and repugnant to flesh and blood: *this is a hard saying, who can heare it.* A man in disgrace with the higher powers, the Rulers, high Priests, Scribes & Pharisées, *doe any of the rulers or of the Pharisées beleue in him?* A man that had neyther friends in the world to beare him out, nor a house to put his head in, *the foxes haue holes, and the soules of the heauen, they haue nests, but the sonne of man hath not wheron to rest his head.* And yet notwithstanding, all this that worldly men and women and some also notorious sinners, and loose livers before, shold leaue all their worldly hopes, ease, profit, pleasure (and their sweet sinnes too) to follow such a man, with so great inconveniences, losses daungers and disgraces (as they did) and shold continue with him in all his afflictions, temptations, and persecutions, and be content to dye, and loose their liues, rather then forsake him or abandon his service, this (I say) is such a myracle, as never in the world fell out the like, and must needs be graunted by the enemie, to be supernaturall. We reade of an Emperour, that taking in hand to conquer the world made this proclamation for winning men unto his partie: *Whosoever will come and be my servant, if he be a foot man, I will make him a horseman, if he be a horseman, I will make him ride with coaches, if he be a farmer I will*

will make him a gentleman, if he possesse a cottage I will give him a village, if he haue a village, I will giue him a citie, if he be Lord of a citie I will make him prince of a Region or countrie : And as for gold, I will poure it forth unto them by heapes, and waight, and not by number. This was the proclamation of Cyrus the great King of Persia to his followers, verie glorious (as we see) in pompe of words, and to the eye of flesh and blood.

Let us now compare herewith the proclamation of our Cyrus, Jesus Christ, to his disciples and followers : the entrance and preface whereof was this, *Repent, &c.* And then it followeth (in stedd Mar. 1. 15. of, whosoever will come and be my servant, If he be a foorman, I will make him a horseman:) *If any man will followe me* (sayth Christ) Mat. 16. 24. *let him forsake himself, and take up his crosse and followe me*, not on horseback (as the Pope doth, with all his proud Cardinals, and Bishops in his pontificalibus: *I haue seene servants on horses, and princes wal.* Eccl. 10. 7. *king as servants on the ground*: so did an Emperor bare footed to his holynes, but what would Salomon haue sayd, if he had seene a Prince hold his stirrope? and yet (forsooth) will this proude Prelate be *Servus servorum*, a follower of Christ, and Peters Successor.) In steede of possessing lands and lordships, gold and treasures, he sayth, *possesse not gold nor silver, nor money in your purses, nor a scrip for the journey, neyther two coats, neyther shoes, nor so much as a staffe in your bands.* In steede of these preferments and pleasures of the world (sayth Christ) contrarie to Cyrus: *In this world ye shall have affliction* Ioh. 16. 33. *yea which is more, ye shalbe delivered up to the Counsels, and to the Synagogues, ye shalbe beaten, and brought before rulers & Kings, for my sake,* Mar. 13, 9. *ye shalbe hated of all men, for my names sake, ye shalbe betrayed also of your parents, bretheren, kinsmen and friends.* And (which is most of all) *ye shalbe put to death, for whosoever will saue his life shall loose it.* Finally, if Mat. 16. 25. *any man come to me, and hate not his father and mother, and wife and chil- dren, and bretheren and sisters, yea & his owne life also, he connoit be my disciple.* And whosoever beareth not his crosse and commeth after me, he can- not be my disciple. For which of you mynding to buylde a tower setteth not downe before, and counteth the cost, &c. So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath he cannot be my disciple. This was the proclamation and Edict of Christ to his followers. This was the entaynement proposed by Jesus, to such as would come and serue under his colours, with expresse protestation, that himself was sent into the world, not to bring peace, rest, and ease to flesh

**Mat. 10, 34.** and blood, but rather to be the cause of sworde, fire and tribulation. *I thinke not that I am come to send peace into the earth, I came not to send peace, but the sword.* And yet with these cold offerrs presented to the world, first by himself to his Apostles and disciples wonne thereby to follow him, euē upon the first call, they left all and followed him, and by them to all others afterwards : Isay, by this doctrine so crosse and opposite to mans nature, inclination, and sensuall appetite, he gayned moe harts unto him, within the space of fortie yeeres, then ever did monarch in the world possesse loving subjects, by whatsoever temporall allurements, they did or might propose : which argueth the omnipotent, puissance of him, that contrarie to mans reason in so shorte a tyme could bringe to passe so miraculous a conquest, were there no other argument in the world, of the truth of Christian Religion, this were sufficient.

### *His death and passion.*

**Luk. 18, 32.** **For** his death and passion, with all the disgrace dispire and indignities were done unto him by the Iewes, it was also foretold by the Prophets, and so expounded by their owne Rabbins, as also by our Sauiour himself : behold we goe up to Ierusalem, and all things shall be fulfilled to the Sonne of man, that are written by the Prophets, &c. He made his entrance into the citie upon an ass, in all humilitie, as was prophecied the Messiah should doe. **Zach. 9, 9.** *Rejoyce greatly, o daughter Zion, shoute for joye, &c.* Fulfilled euē at the same tyme, when the people spread their garments in the way, curte downe branches from the trees, and strowed them in the **Mat. 21, 8.** way, *crying Hosanna to the Sonne of David, &c.*

**Psal. 55. 13.** He was betrayed by his owne disciple, as David in divers places had foretold, under a type of those his secret enemies, in the **& 109. 4.** dayes of Saul, as also himself prophecied before hand, saying, *He Mat. 26, 23. that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, he shall betraye me.*

**Mat. 26, 67.** Being apprehended, he was most barbarously entreated by the **Isay. 50, 6.** Iewes, according to that of Isay, *I gaue my back to the smyters, & my cheekes to the nippers, I hidde not my face from shame and spouting.*

**Luk. 23. 33.** After all this inhumane dealing, he was nayled to the crosse, **Psal. 22. 16.** hand and foote, according to that of David : *they pearced my hands and my feete, I may tell all my bones, they beheld, and looked upon me,* **Zach. 12. 10.** *they parted my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. And in anoy-*

in another place, they gave me gall in my meat, and in my thirst they Psal. 69, 21. gave me vineger to drinke.

He was crucified betweene two malefactors or evildoers, one Luk. 23, 32. on the right hand the other on the left, according to that of Isay, He was counted with the transgrefors, yea Barabas a murtherer in the Isay. 53, 12. esteeme of the Iewes preferred before Iesus, and quite by a common consent, and crye awry with him, & deliver unto us Barabas, cruc- Luk. 23, 25. ifie him crucifie him.

He prayed for his enemies and persecutors, Father forgiue them for they knowe not what they doe: according to that of Isay, He bare Isay. 53, 12. the sinne of many, and prayed for the neophytes.

Not a bone of him was broken, according to that Law of the Passe- Ioh. 19, 36. over, a liuely type thereof. Exo. 12, 46.

To conclude, that Christ should dye for the sinnes of the world, it was a received opinion of the Iewes, in all ages, both prefigured and foretold throughout all the Scripture, prefigured by the sacri- Gen. 12, 4. crifice of Isaack, the lifting up of the brazen serpent, and by all o- Num. 21, 8. ther sacrifices in the Law. Foretold not onely by the Scriptures be- Dan. 9, 26. fore mentioned, but also by Daniel, in most plaine termes, after threescore and two weeks shall the Messiah be slayne, &c. acknowledged also by Cayphas himself, Highpriest euен the selfe same yeere that Christ suffered, his words are these to the Pharisees, taxing their great blindnes in this point, and in them the whole nation of the Iewes to this day, Ye perceiue nothing at all, nor yet doe you consider, that it is expedient for us, that one man dye for the people, and that the whole nation perish not, &c. But he that will read the whole storie of Christ crucified, with the particulars described many hundred yeeres before the same fell out, let him turne to Isay, and acknowledge him for an Euangelist, who to signifie the straungnes of the case, beginneth first with a preface, who will believe our report, &c. All which narration Rabbi Jonathan, the author of the Chalde Pa- Isay. 53, raphrase applyeth to the murther of the Messiah by the Iewes, whereunto agree Rabbi Simeon, Rabbi Haderian, and others: proving further out of Dan. 9. ver. 27. That after the Messiah shall haue preached half seauen yeeres, he shall be slayne: which disagreeth little or nothing frō the account of us Christians. Also in their Talmud it is sette downe for a principle, and the sentence pronounced before hand peremptorily & in playne termes, that the Messiah at his comming shall be put to death. So then I may conclude

Mat. 27.

Luk. 23.

Act. 2.37.

Zach. 12.10

Psa. 16.8.

Hos. 6.2.

conclude upon all these particulars of Christ his Death & Passion, foretold by the Prophets, prefigured in the Lawe, and so expounded and acknowledged by the Iewes themselues (the auncient Rabbins before mentioned) and finally, so exactly fulfilled in our Lord and Saviour (as by the quotations in the margent may appeare) together with the milde maner of his death, praying for his enemies, *Father forgiue them.* and meekely recommending his soule into the Hands of God, *Father, into thy bands commend my spirit:* with other straunge accidents and circumstances: that miraculous eclipse of the sunne, at that verie instant, from the sixt to the niath houre there was darknes over all the Land, the vaile of the temple rent in twaine, from the toppe to the bottome, and the earth did quake, and the stones were cloven, and the graues did open themselues, and manie bodies of the Saints which slept, arose, &c. I say, upon all these particularities and circumstances, I hope, I may conclude (as it is in that place) with the Centurion, and those that were with him watching Iesus, who when they sawe the earthquake, and the things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, truly this was the sonne of God. And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their brests and returned. So may I conclude, Truly this was the sonne of God, truly this is the Messiah, and let all the people of the Iewes come together againe to this sight and behold him, whom they haue pierced, and smite their brests, pricked in their hearis like those Iewes in the Acts, and crye out *Men and brethren, what shall we doe?* and returne to the Lord, and be baptised everie one in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sinnes, which God grant. And the Lord powre upon them the spirit of grace, and of compassion, that in soul & spirit they may look upon him, whom they haue pierced, and lament for him (as it is in the prophet) everie tribe and familie apart.

*His Resurrection.*

**F**OR his Resurrection it was also foretold by the prophets, and prefigured in Ionas, David sayth in the person of the Messiah of whom he prophecied in divers places, and was a type, *I haue set the Lord always before me, &c.* Wherefore myne heart is gladde and my tongue rejoyceth, my flesh also doth rest in hope, for thou wilt not leave my soule in the graue, nor suffer thyne Holy one to see corruption. Also Hosea sayth, *After two dayes will he revives us, and in the third day he will rayse*

is up. Vs in the plurall number, poynting (as it should seeme) both at the Resurrection of our Saviour the third day, as also the raysing of a number of the Sancts together with him, at the same tyme, prefigured in Ionas, together vwith the tyme of his abode in the sepulchre, & foreshewved many tymes by our Saviour himself to his disciples, such and such things shall be donne to the sonne of man, *He shall be apprebended, evill intreated, mocked, scourged, put to death, but the third day he shall rise againe.* Also to the Iewes demanding a signe, he ansuvered, *Destroy this temple, and in three dayes I will rayse it up againe.* And at another tyme, *An evill and adulterous generation seeketh a signe, but no signe shall be giuen them, saue the signe of the prophet Ionas, for as Ionas was three dayes and three nights in the whales bellie, so shall the Sonne of man be three dayes and three nights in the heart of the earth.* Which prophecie of his they full vwell remembryng, and fearing the event, immediatly upon his burial they went to Pilat, saying, *Sir we remember that deceiver sayd, while he was living, within three dayes I will rise againe, commaund therefore the sepulchre to be made sure, till the third day, least his disciples steale him away by night, & say unto the people, he is risen from the dead, & so the last error be worse then the first.* All which was done, according to their desire, a strong watch appointed, the Sepulchre sealed up, all things made so sure by the Iewes a might be : for they had gotten from Pilate a speciall commission for that purpose, to whom he was as forward to grant it, as they to aske it, and that in as large and ample maner as themselves knewe or could devise. All which, notwithstanding after a most miraculous maner, *The angel of the Lord descending from heauen, with an earthquake, and rolling backe the ston from the doore of the spulchre,* the keeperes astoried and become as dead men : Iesus our Saviour according to the former prophecies is risen againe, and hath appeared to his Apostles and disciples his faithfull witnessses, a number of them, at divers severall tyme, to whom he presented himself aline (as S. Luke writeth) by manie infallible tokenes, being scene of them by the space offorte dayes, and speakeing of those things, which apperteynen to the kingdome of God: howsoever the Iewes suborned the soldiours, giving them largely to say, *his disciples came by night and stole him awaie, while they slept,* which saying is noyse among the Iewes to this day. How probably (the former circumstances considered) let the world judge. Therefore I will conclude this point also, with that of Paul, touching the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, *He bath declared himself mighty to be*

Iona. 1, 17.

Luk. 18. 31.

Ioh. 2. 18.

Mat. 12. 38.

cha. 27, 62.

Act. 1, 3.

Rom. 1, 4

Rom. i, 2. ly to be the sonne of God, by the Resurrection from the dead, and consequently, that Messiah promised before by the Prophets in the holy Scriptures, as the same Apostle urgeth.

## His Ascension.

**F**Or his Ascension, it was also foretold by the Prophets, and necessarily followeth upon his Resurrection to be believed: to wit, that having finished the worke of our Redemption here on earth, he ascended up into heauen, and there sitteth at the right hand of God. David sayth, *Thou art gone up on high, thou hast ledde captivitie captive, and received gifts for men, &c.* And in another place, *The Lord said to my Lord, sitt thou at my right hand, &c.* which is the place alledged by our Saviour, wherewith he put the Iewes to silence, both as touching the Dietie and the humanitie of the Messiah, for sayth he, *if David call him Lord, how is he then his sonne,* where we may see David acknowledgeth him his Lord, and consequently his God, euen the sonne of God, sitting at the right hand of God ( for the present, as touching his divinitie ) afterwards to be accomplished also in his humanitie, which David believed as verely shoulde come to passe, and forswa by the eye of fayth, as did Thomas, when it was come to passe, putting his hand into his side and crying, *My Lord & my God:* so sayth David here, *my Lord: The Lord sayd unto my Lord, &c.* I say, this article of our fayth as touching his Ascension, it followeth necessarily to be concluded upon his Resurrection, it needeth no other proof. For that who-soever seeth and acknowledgeth, that Iesus being dead could raise himself to life againe, will easily belieue also, that he was able to ascend up to heauen at his pleasure. And hereof we haue also all his Apostles and Disciples for witnesses, eye-witnesses, in whose presence and sight he ascended, as it is in that place, *they looked stedfastly towards heauen as he went.* And in witnessse thereof gaue up their liues, and sealed the same with their blood.

Therefore I conclude vpon all these premises so necessarily following and depending one apon an other: to witt-his birth, life, doctrin, actions, death, resurrection, and ascencion: seeing nothing hath happened in the same which was not foretold by the Prophets of God, nor any thing foretold by the same Prophets concerning the Messiah, which was not fulfilled most exactly in the person of our Saviour: We may most certainly assure our selves that

that as God is truth, and therefore can neither foretell an vptruth, nor yeeld testimonie to the same: so it can not be but that these things which have beeene shewed to be so manifestly foreprophiced, and so evidently accomplished in the person of this our blessed Lord and Saviour: must needs (I say) assure vs Christians that he was indeed the true Messiah: & quite confouud the Iewes in their vaine imagination, and expectation of another.

*The sending of the Holy Ghost: with the first plantation & wonderfull increase of the Church.*

**N**ow for those things that followed after his ascention as arguments & effects of his divine power: they were also foretold by the Prophets, to wit, the sending of the Holy Ghost that comforter from on high with the Iodayne, strange and myraculous increase of his Church throughout the world even against all worldly power and policie, by the onely power and ministerie of his worde confirmed with signes and wonders that followed, wrought by his Apostles, Disciples, and other his faithfull servants, and witnesses in the primitive Church: then the which there can be no greater argument in the world of the truth of Christian Religion, if we consider how all other religions in the world have growne and been mayntained by force of armes, fyre and sword, this onely by the preaching of Christ crucified, in all nations hath increased & multiplyed & shall doe more & more to the end of the world, this must increase all others decrease, how so ever the Turks have possessed the greatest part of the world at this day, yet our Saviours prophecie in the end shalbe found true: this gospel of the kingdō shalbe preached throughout the whol world for a witness unto al nat. os Now for the first increase of it how smal a number were there gathered together after the ascention at Ierusalem from whence they were to march (even the twelue Apostles no great armie God wot) to cōquer the world as it is in that place, *The law shall goe forth frō Iēsū & the Word of God frō Ierusalē*. There was the Rendevous, there they staid there they rested there they continued in prayer and fasting till such time as Christ after his ascention according to his promise sent them the comforter even the holy Ghost, induing them with power frō on high & arming them at all points for so great a work. When and where being gathered together all with one accord in one place so denly there came a sound from heaven as of a mighty wind and filled all the house where they sate. And there

Mat. 24. 14.

Luk. 24. 47.

Isa. 2. 3.

John. 14. 26  
cha. 15. 26.  
and 16. 7.

Act. 2. 1.

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appeared unto them cloven tongues like fyre, and it sate upon each of them  
and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other  
tongues as there is mentioned. And with these iery cloven tongues  
these 12. silly soules without any other meanes, men, money or  
munitiō in a very short time conquered a great part of the world.  
In so much that at one sermon of S. Peter at the same time there were  
added to the Church three thousand soules. And so multiplied successively  
from time to time, and from place to place, I spreading it selfe  
from one country to another, and from one nation to an other  
and so at length into all nations; there is neither speech nor language  
where their voice is not heard, their line is gone forth through all the earth  
and their words into the ends of the world, as we see it is come to passe  
this day. Of which coming of the Holy Ghost in the time of the  
Messiah Ioe prophesied saying, *And it halbe in the last dayes that I wil*

*Ioe. 2. 28. power out my spirit upon all flesh &c. and on my servants and on my handmaids I will powre out my spirit &c. It filled all the howse where they sate, & it sate upon each of them and they were all filled with the holy Ghost. Here is a deluge of Gods grace powred upon the world immediately upon the ascension of our Lord and Saviour. First vpon his Apostles and disciples of those times in greater measure as the first fruities of his spirit by the which they wrought miracles, spake all manner of languages, healed all maner of diseases, cast out Divils, rayfed the dead, and lastly sealed the same with their blood. Poore fishermen and such like, of no reputation in the world, without learning, without credite, without meanes (as before) yet by this meanes conquered the world to the subjection of their master Christ; that stone cast aside of the builders but now become the heade stone of the corner: this is the Lordes doing, and it is maruelous in our eyes.*

*Pal. 118.*

*22.*

*Act. 4. 11.*

*The sinceritie of the Evangelists.*

**N**ow for the Evangelists, or writers of the Gospell, that is to say the registers of his birth, life, doctrine, and death: it is to be noted, that our Saviour being God, tooke a different way from the custome of man, in delivering vnto us his lawes, & precepts. For that men who have been lawmakers vnto the world, knew no surer way of publishing their lawes, and procuring authoritie to the same, than to write them with their owne handes, and in their life time to establish their promulgation. So Lycurgus, Solon, and others among the Grecians, Numa to the Ro-

*mans*

mans, Mahomet to the Sarafins. But Iesus , to shew his divine power in directing the pen, and stile of his Evangelists, would not leave any thing written by himselfe, but passed from this world in simplicity and silence : without any further shewe , or ostentation of his owne doings. Meaning notwithstanding afterwards , to his glorie , and the edification of his Church here on earth, by foure irrefragable witnesses or remembrancers,(the four Evangelists) every word shoulde be established & recorded. As may appear by that place where he saith: *These things have I spoken unto you being present with you, but the Comforter which is the holy Ghost whom the Father wil send in my name he shal bring all things to your remembrance which I haue told you.* Whereupon I interre , that the Evangelists , and Apostolicall writers , were all of them guided and directed, by one and the same spirit, even the spirite of God for the registering of all things eyther sayd or donne by our Saviour : so farre forth as seemed best to his divine will and pleasure , to be registred , and recorded, for the benefite and edification of his Church . \* *For there were many other things which Jesus did (as Io. the Evangelist testifieth) which are not written: that is to say, which the holy spirit of God thought needlesse to faith and salvation, but (saith he) these things are written that ye might beleieve, that Jesus is the Christ the sonne of God and that in beleeving ye might have life through his name.* Now for these Evangelists,foure in nomber (which some have resembled to the foure beasts in Ezek:) the first & last are Apostles, that wrote as they had seen, the two middle are disciples who registered things as they had understood by conference with the Apostles. The first gospel was written by an Apostle to give light, to the rest: and the last also by an Apostle, to give authoritie and confirmation to the former. The first was written in the Hebrew tongue: for that all those myracles which Iesus wrought were doone in that countrie ( he was not sent but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel).to the end that eyther the whole nation might beleieve them or the obstinate impugne them: which yet never any of theire Rabbines tooke in hand to doe. The other three were written in the most famous and popular language of all nations at that time, to wit, the Greek tongue. They wrote their stories in divers countries , farre distant one from another, and yet agreed they all most exactly in one and the same narration ( as is to be seene) though diversly related , yet in truth and substance all one: one sometymes supplying what another

Ioh. 14. 25.

Ioh. 20. 30.  
21. 25.

Luk. 1. 2.

Mat. 15, 24.

ther hath not, according to the discretion of one and the same spirit, vwherevith they vvere all guyded and directed , like those four beasts in Ezech. 1. 12: *Everie one went streight forward, whither their spirit ledde them , they returned not.* They vwrite in divers times, one after another : and yet the later did neyther correct nor reprehend any thing in the former, as heathen vwriters use to doe. They published their vritings vwhen infinite vvere aliue that knewe the facts, and of them no small number, vwho desired by all meanes to impugne them. They set dovvne in most of their narrations, the tyme, the daye, the hour, the place, the vil-lage, the house, the persons vwith all other circumstances , vwhich the moe they are in number, the more easie to be refuted , if they were not true. Neyther did they write of things donne in farre Countries or places remote , but in the same Countrie where they were borne , in townes and cities that were publiquely knowne, in Ierusalem it self, in Bethania , and Bethsaida , villages hard by Ierusalem, in the Suburbs and hills about the citie, in such a street, at such a gate, in such a porch of the temple , at such a fishpoole, publique places, familiarly knowne to everie one , for these things were not done in a corner ( as sayth the Apostle.) All which circum-

*Act. 26, 26.* stances duly considered, ( never yet impugned ) me thinks should perswade any man of reason, to become a Christian : as Agrippa in that verie place acknowledgeth to Paul, saying, *almost thou per-swadest me to become a Christian.* They published their writings in their life time. They altered not their writings afterwards as other Authors are wont in their latter Editions, nor ever corrected they one jote of that which they had first set downe. And (that which never happened in any other writings in the world besides, nor ever monarch was able to bring to passe for credite of his Edict's ) they gave their liues for defence and justifying of that which they had written. Their maner of writing is sincere & sim- ple, as becommeth so divine a Historie: without all art or Rhe-thoricall amplifications, as Historians use. They flatter none, no

*Mat. 21, 18.* not Iesus himself, whom they most adore, nor in confessing him *Luk. 19, 41.* to be their God, doe they conceale his infirmities of flesh, in that *Mar. 14, 33.* he was man : as his hunger and thirst, his being weie, how he wept, his passions of feare, and the like. Nay , these Evangelists were so sincere and religious in their narrations, as they noted especially the imperfections of themselves, and of such others , as they

they principally respected. Mathew nameth himself, Mathew the Publican. Mark, Peters Disciple, recordeth how S. Peter thrise denied his Lord and Master, and so of the rest. These mens writings were published for canonicall, and received for undoubted truth by all that lived in the verie same age, and were privie to everie particular circumstance therein conteyned. They were copied abroad into infinite mens hands, and so conserved with all care and reverence, as holy and divine Scripture. They were read in Churches throughout all Countries and nations, expounded preached and taught by all Pastors, and Commentaries made upon them by holy Fathers from tyme to tyme. So that no doubt can be made at all, eyther of the Authoritie of them, as originally and immediately proceeding from the Holy Ghost, or of the certaintie: but that we haue the verie same incorrupt, as the Authors left them, for that it was impossible for any enemie to corrupt so manie copies over the world, without discoverie and resistance. And thus much for the credite and authoritie of our Evangelists.

*The confession of Martyrs.*

**N**ow for the Martyrs (or witnesses) appoynted by God, for the sealing & deliverie of this doctrine of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Iesus Christ to all the world, they were first and principally his owne Apostles and Disciples, *Now ye are witnessses of these things:* Who both heard his doctrine, and sawe his myracles: as S. Iohn testifieth: *that which wee haue heard, which we haue scene with our eyes &c. That I say, which we haue scene and heard declare we unto you.* And S. Peter, *For we followed no deceiuable fables when we opened unto you the power and comming of our Lord Iesus Christ, but with our eyes we sawe his majestie.* This doctrine (I say) of the glorious Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, *whereof they were so fully perswaded,* they did not onely professe it with their mouthes, yea euen before Kings, and were not ashamed, as God sayth to Pa ul, *as thou hast testified of me in Ierusalem, so must thou beare witnes also at Rome: thou must be brought before Cæſar:* but in witnes thereof they gaue up their liues, and by their deaths sealed and delivered to the world the truth of that which in their liues they professed, they haue sealed that God is true: These are witnessses worthy to be beleaved, these are Martyres. Next to these are all those holy Disciples of theirs, all those holy confessors of the Primitive Church put to death with most

Mat. 10, 3.  
Mar. 14, 67.

Luk. 24, 48.

Ioh. 1. 1.

2 Pet. 1, 16.

Luk. 1. 1.

Act. 23, 11.

cha. 27, 24.

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*Mat. 10. 15.  
Rev. 6, 9.*

most exquisite torments, under those cruell Roman tyrants, during those tenne famous persecutions upon record, called the ten persecutions, *Catexchen*, in respect of the rage, furie and crueltie thereof: and all against poore, harmeles, and innocent Christians, dayly to ne in pieces, & butchered by those wolves, as sheep appointed for the slaughter: (whereof our Saviour long before had forewarned his Disciples: *Behold I send you as lambes among wolves, &c.* persecuted, euен to the death, for the Word of God, and for the testimonie which they maintained. In vvhich extreame & most incredible sufferings of Christians three points are vworthie of great consideration. The first, vwhat infinite multitudes of all estates, conditions, sexes, qualities and age did suffer dayly for testimonie of this truth. The second, what intollerable and unaccustomed torments, not heard of in the world before, were devised by tyrants for afflicting this kind of people. Thirdly, and lastly, what invincible courage and unspeakable alacritie these Christians shewed in bearing out these afflictions and torments, which the enemies themselves could not attribute, but to some divine powre and supernaturall assistance.

*The subjection of Spirits.*

**A**Nother consideration followeth of his divine powre & omnipotencie, declared and exercised upon the spirits infernall, which in those dayes spake in the oracles, and till that time had possessed and deluded all nations. Here are the complaint of one of them: *Heimiki, congeniscae, hermiki, hermiki, oraculorum disicit me claritas.* Woe unto me, lament ye with me, woe, woe to me, for that the honour of oracles hath now forsaken me. Which woefull complaint is nothing els but a plaine confession, that Jesus was he of whom a prophet sayd divers ages before, *He shall consume all the Gods of the earth, and everie man shall worship him from his place, even all the yles of the Heathen.* This confessed also the wicked spirits themselves, when at Christes appearing in Ieremie they came and did their homage to him, and besought him not to afflict or torment them before the time, nor command them presently to returne to hell: but rather to permit them some litle time of entertainment in the sea, or mountaines, or among heards of swine, or the like, which confession they made openly before all men, and declared the same afterwards by their deeds. For presently upon Christ his

his death, & upon the preaching of his name & Gospel throughout the world, the oracles in all places ceased, whereof the Poets themselves beare witnes : *Cessant Oracula Delphis.* Wherupon Iuven. Saty Plutarch, that lived within one hundredth yeeres after Christ made <sup>6.</sup> a speciall Treatise to sifte out the causes, why the oracles of the Gods (as they deemed them) were ceased in his time. And after much turning and winding manie waies, at length resolved upon two principall points, or causes thereof. The first, for that in his tyme there was more store of wisemen then before, whose answers might stand in steeede of Oracles : and the other, for that perhaps the Spirits accustomed to yecelde Oracles, were by length of tyme growen old and dead. Both which reasons, in the common sence of all men must needs be false: & by Plutarch himself cannot stand with probabilitie. For first in his books, which he wrote of the liues of auncient famous men, he confesseth, that in such kind of wisdome as he most esteemed, they had not their equals among their posteritie. Secondly, in his Treatise of Phylosophie he passeth it for a ground, that Spirits can not dye or waxe old. And therefore of necessitie there must be some other cause yeelded of the ceasing of these Oracles : which can not be but the presence, and coninandement of some higher power : according to that saying of S. Iohn : *for to this end and purpose appeared the sonne of God,* <sup>1 Ioh.3, 8.</sup> *to wit, that he might destroy the works of the devill.* Neyther did Iesus this alone in his owne person, but gaue also powre and authoritie to his disciples, and followers, to doe the like : according to that their commission in the Gospel : *Then called he the twelve Disciples together, and gaue them powre and authoritie over all devils, &c.* And not only to these twelve did he giue this absolute powre and authoritie over uncleane Spirits, but to the rest likewise : as may appeare in the next chapter following, upon the returne of their commission : *And the seuentie returned with joy saying : Lord even cha.10, 17.* *the Divils are subdued to us through thy name.* And he sayd unto them, *I sawe Satan like lightning fall downe from heaven :* and so renueth their commission, saying *Behold I giue unto you powre to tread on Serpents & scorpions, and over all the power of the enemie :* (that is to say, the Devil) *neverthelesse (sayth he) in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subdued unto you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heauen.* And this authoritie over the spirits infernall given by Iesus to his Disciples in the primitive Church, extended it selfe so far, that not

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Lact. lib. 2.  
div. iiii.  
cap. 16.

Porphy. lib.  
7. cont;  
Christ. a-  
pud Euseb.  
lib. 5. cap.  
1. de prep.  
Evan.

John. 12.  
31. 2. Cor.  
4. 4. Eph.  
8. 2.

onely theire words and commaundements, but even theire verie presence, did shut the mouthes and drive into feare, the miserable spirits: as both Lactantius, and others doe witnesse, whence it proceeded, that in all sacrifices, conjurations, and other mysteries of the gentiles, there was brought in that phrasie, recorded by scoffing Lucian, *exeant Christiani*, let Christians depart, for thae while they were present nothing could be well accomplished. And that professed enemie of Christianitie Porphyrie who of all other most earnestly endeavoured to empugne vs Christians, & to hold vp the honour of his enfeebled Idols, yet discoursing of the great plague that reigned most furiously in the citie of Messina in Cicilie, where he dwelt, yeeldeth this reason, why Aesculapius the God of physick (much adored in that place) was not able to help them in that extremitie. It is no merveile (saith he) if this citie so many yeares be vexed with the plague, seeing that both Aesculapius, and all other Gods, be now departed from it, by the comming of Christians: for since that men have begun to worship this Jesus, we could never obtaine any prophet by our Gods. Thus much cōfessed this patronē of paganismē, concerning the mayme that his Gods had received, by the power and comming of our Lord Jesus Christ, which albeit he spake with a malicious minde to bring Christians in hatred, yet is the confession notable, & confirmeth that storie; which Plutarch in his fornamed book doth report: that in the latter yeares of the reigne of the Emperour Tiberius, a strange voice, and exceeding horrible clamor, with hideous cries, skryches, and howlings, were heard by many, in the Græcian sea: complayning, that *the great God Pan* was now departed. And this affirmeth Plutarch (that was a gentilē) to have been alleadged and approved, before the Emperour Tyberius, who merveyled greatly thereat, and could not by all his diviners, and southsayers, whoni he called to that consultation, gather out any reasonable meaning of this woderfull accident. But we Christians, comparing the time wherein it happened, vnto the time of Christ his death and passion, and finding the same fully to agree: we may more then pabable perswade our selves, that by the death of their great God Pan (which signifieth all, was imported, the vtter overthrow of all wicked spirits, and Idols vpon earth: according to that vision of our Lord & saviour before mentioned, *I saw Sathan like lightning fall down fro heaven &c.* & againe in an other place, now

¶ the judgement of this world, now shall the Prince of this world be cast out (even this great God Pan) who in an other place is called the God of this world: the Prince that rulish in the ayre, & therefore may well be said by our Saviour to fal down frō heavē, being before time worshipped in those Idols oracles and heathenish prophanations, as a God in all the world, and exalted(as it were) into the highest heavens. But behold as Dagon, that idol of the Philistims, fell flat on 1. Sam. 5. his face (and that twice) his head, and hands dismembred before the ark of 2. God in Ashdod: so did Sathan this great God Pan the God of this world, the Prince of the ayre, &c, (let me give the Devil his due, yea rather more then his due) (as doth the hōly scripture) so did Sathan (I say) immediately vpon the comming of our Lord and Saviour Iesus Christ into this world, and preaching of his Gospel (the ark of his everlasting covenant) fall flat one his face to the ground, his head and hands dismembred: according to that first promise, and covenant to our first parents, which was this: that he (to wit, the Messiah) shuld breake the serpents head &c. Gen. 3.13. which he hath done, not onely in his owne person, by subduing Sathan with all his whole legions of Devills, and power infernall trāpling them vnder his feet; but also in his members; to whom also he gave lyke authoritie: as before: he gave them power and authoritie over all Devills: yea over all the power of the enemie, which argueth againe the power, and omnipotencie of our Lord and Saviour Iesus Christ, who not onely in his owne person here on earth, but also in his servants, disciples and followers, was able to conquer, and subdue even the Devills themselves: as they themselves acknowledge: Jesus I ackeownledge and Paul I knowe &c. And thus much Acts. 2.15. of the subjection of spiriūs.

## The punishment of enemies.

**N**ow resteth this his divine power and omnipotencie, yet fur-  
ther to be manifested by an other consideratiō of his justice,  
& severitie shewed from heaven upon divers his greatest enemies  
here on earth, after his departure out of this world. As we may  
read in Iosephus: of Herod the first, who persecuted Christ, even  
in his cradle, and slue all those infants in and about Bethlehem.

And that other Herod, Tetrarch of Gililie, who put John Baptist  
to death, and scorned Iesus before his passion: himself scorned  
afterwards by the Emperour, and disgracefully sent into exile: first

Ioseph. an-  
tig. lib 37.  
ca. 10.

Luk. 23. 21.

lib. 18. ca.

2.

Niceph.

Lib. 1, ca.

20.

Act. 12, 1

Ioseph. an-

ticq. lib.

29. ca. 7.

Eutrop.

hist. lib. 7.

Erag. scho

last. lib. 3.

hist. c. 41.

to Lions in France, and after that, to the most desert, and inhabitable places in Spaine: where he with Herodias wandred up & downe, in extreame calamitie all their lte time, and finally ended their dayes, as forlome and abandoned of all men. In which miserie also it is recorded, that the dauncing daughter of Herodias, who demanded John Baptists head, being on a time to passe over a frozen river, suddenly the yce brake, and she in her fall, had her head cut off by the same yce, without hurting the rest of her bodie. So likewise it is recorded in the A&ts, of Herod Agrippa, ~~who stretched forth his hand to vexe certaine of the Church, killed James the brother of John with the sword, and imprisoned Peter,~~ howe immediately thereupon (as it is in that chapter) going downe to Cesarea, he was there in a solemne assemblie, striken into heaven, with a most horrible disease, whereby his bodie putrified, and was eaten of wormes: as also Iosephus maketh mention. Pilate, that gave sentence of death against our Lord and Saviour; we read, that after great disgrace received in Iurie he was sent home into Italie, and there slew himself with his owne hands. And of the very Emperours themselves, who lived from Tiberius (under whom Iesus suffered) unto Constantine the great, under whom Christian Religion took dominion over the world (which contayned the space of some three hundred yeares, or thereabouts) very fewe, or none, escaped the maniest scourges of Gods dreadfull justice, shewed upon them at the kniting up of their dayes. Whereas since the tyme of Constantine, (whiles Emperours have bene Christians (as one hath observed) fewe or no such examples can be shewed: except upon Julian the Apostata, Valens the Arian heretique, or some other of like detestable, and notorious wickednes. And thus much of particular men chastised by Iesus. But if we desire to have a full example of his justice upon a whole nation together let vs consider what befel Ierusalem and the people of that place for their barbarous crueltie, practised vpon him in his death and passion. And if we beleeve Iosephus, & Phylo, the lewish historiographers; who lived in those times: it can hardly be expredd by the tongue or pen of man, what insufferable calamities, & miseries, were inflicted upon that people presently after his assencion. First of all by Pilate their governour, under Tiberius, and then againe by Petronius, under Caligula, after that by Cumanus under Claudi-

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¶, and lastly by Festus and Albinus under Nero. Through whose cruelties that nation was inforced at last to rebell, and take armes against the Roman Empire : which was the cause of their utter ruine and exterpation by Titus and Vespasian. At what time, besides the overthrowe of their citie, burning of their temple, and other infinite distresses: (which Iosephus an eye witnes, protesteth, that no speach or discourse humane, can declare) the same authour likewise recordeth , xj C. M . persons to have beene slaine, and fourescore and seventene thousand taken alive : who were either put to death afterward in publique triumphes, or sold openly for bondslaves , into all partes of the world? And in this vniversal calamitie of the Iewish nation , being the most notorious and greevous that ever happened to any people or nation eyther before or after them (for the Romanes never practised the like upon others) it is singularly to be observed , that in the same time, and place , in which they put Iesus to death before ; that is, in the feast of the Pascha, when their whole nation was assembled at Ierusalē, from all parts , Provinces , and contries, they received this theire most pittifull subversion and overthrowe, & that by the hands of the Romane Cæsar, to whom by publique crie they had appealed from Iesus not long before. *Wee have no king but Cæsar . &c.* Yea Iohn. 19. further it is observed, that as they apprehended Iesus, and made 15. the entrance to his passion upon Mount Olivet , where he vsed much to pray , and meditate: so Titus ( as Iosephus writeth) upō the same Mount , planted his first siege , for their finall destruction . And as they led Iesus from Caiphas to Pilate , afflicting him in their presence: so now were they themselves led up and down, from Iohn to Simon: ( two seditious Capraines within the citie) and were scourged, and tormented before the tribunall seates. Againe as they had caused Iesus to be scoffed, beaten, and villanously entreated by the soldiours, in Pilates Pallace: so were now their owne principall rulers : (as Iosephus writeth) most scornefully abused, beaten and crucified, & that by the soldiers. Which latter point of crucifying, or villanous putting to death upon the croffe, was begun to be practised by the Romanes, iij on the Iewish gentrie, imediately after Christ his death, and not before. And now at this time of the warre , Iosephus affirmeth , that in some one day fve hundred of his nation were taken, and put to this opprobrious kind of punishment: in so much,) that for the great mul-

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situde, he saith: *nec locus sufficeret crucibus nec crux corporibus.* This dreadfull and unspeakable miserie, fell upon the Iewes, about 40. yeares after Christ's assencion, when they had shewed themselves most obstinate, and obdurate, against his doctrine delivered unto them, not onely by himself, but also by his disciples: of which they had now slaine S. Steven, and S. Iames: and driven into banishment both Peter, and Paul, and others that had preached unto them. This the was the providence of God, for the punishment of the Iews at that time. And ever after their estate declined frō worse to worse, and their miseries daily multiplied throughout the world. Whereof he that will see a very lamentable narration, let him read but the last book of Iosephus *de bello Iudaico.* Wherein is reported, besides other things, that after the warre was ended, and all the publique slaughter ceased: Titus sent threescore thousand Iewes as a present to his father to Rome; there to be put to death in divers and sundry manners. Others he applyed to be spectacles for pastime to the Romans that were present with him. Whereof Iosephus saith, that he saw with his owne eyes two thousand & five hundred murthered and consumed in one day, by fight, and combat among themselves, and with wilde beasts, at the Emperors appointment. Others were assigned in Antioch, and other great cities, to serve for faggots in their famous bonefires, at times of triumph. Others were sold to be bondslaves. Others condemned to dig, and hew stones for ever. And this was the end of that warr, and desolation.

*Quis talia fando,  
Myrmidonum, Dolopumque, aut duri miles Ulyssi,  
Temperet a lacrymis?*

After this againe under Trajane the Emperour, there was so infinite numbers of Iewes slaine, and made away by Marcus Turbo in Africa, and Lucius Quintus in the East, as vvas wonderfull. And in the eighteenth yeare of Adrian the Emperour, one Julius Severus being sent to extinguish all the remnant of the Ievvish generation, destroyed in a very short time ninetie & eight townes and villages within that countrie, and slue five hundred & fourscore thousand of them in one day. At which time also he beat downe the citie of Ierusalem, in such sort, as he left not one stone standing upō another of their ancient buildings: but caused some part thereof to be reedified, and inhabited onely by Gentiles.

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He changed the name of the citie & called it *Aelia*, after the Emperors name. He droue out all the progenie and offspring of the Iewes forth of all those countries, with a perpetuall law confirmed by the Emperor, that they should never returne, no nor so much as looke back from any high or eminent place, to that countrie againe. And this was donne to the Iewish Nation, by the Roman Emperors, for accomplishing that demand, which their principall Elders had made not long before to Pilate the Roman Magistrate, (after he had washed his hands, before the multitude to cleare himself, at leastwise in outward shewe, from the blood of Iesus, saying : *I am innocent of the blood of this just man, looke you to it :*) Then answered all the people, and sayd, *His blood be upon us & upon our children :* and so it came to passe accordingly, euен in that verie age. Then the which what greater argument of a true Prophete? and consequently, of the Deitie and Omnipotencie of our Lord and Saviour, who from heaven was able in so short a time, and that in so full measure to revenge himself upon his enemies here on earth. Yea, a whole Nation together brought to finall desolation. And so much for the punishment of enemies.

Mat. 27. 26

## The fulfilling of Prophecies.

The last consideration followeth, and so an end: which is the fulfilling of prophecies, all those prophecies uttered by our Lord and Saviour, while he was here upon earth: Especially this one of the destruction and desolation of the Iewish nation already declared, might suffice for all, which over and over, while he was conversant amongst them, he denounced against them, and foretold should shortly be accomplished upon them, in most fearfull maner. As namely at one tyme, after a long and vehement commination made, to the Scribes and Pharisees (in which he repeateth eight severall times that dreadfull threat, woe) he concludeth that *all the righteous blood injuriously shedde from the first martyr Abel,* and so successively should be revenged verie shortly upon that generation: *Verely I saye unto you all these things shall come upon this generation:* and in the next words threatneth that populous citie Ierusalem, that it should be made utterly desolate. *Ierusalem, Ierusalem which killest the Prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, as the henne gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not:* Behold your habitation shall be left.

Mat. 23. 32

Luk. 19. 41.

Luk. 21. 5.

Luk. 21. 20.

John. 19. 15  
ver. 12.

Luk. 21. 28.

be left unto you desolate. And at another tyme , euen that solemn  
 tyme of his entrie and riding into Ierusalem before his passion , it  
 is sayd in the Gospel , that , when he was come neare , he beheld the citie  
 and wept over it , saying : O if thou haddest euer knowne , at the least in this  
 thy day those things which belong unto thy peace , but now are they hidde from  
 thyne eyes . then denounceth that fearfull desolation following :  
 that not one stone should be left upon another , but all throwne  
 downe euen to the ground . Executed upon them & made good  
 by Tytus the sonne of Vespasian , and finally , accomplished by Iu-  
 lius Severus , who in the daies of Adrian ( as before is rehearsed )  
 utterly defaced the verie ruines of that citie , in such sort , as he left  
 not one stone standing upon another , of all their auncient buil-  
 dings , but laid them euen with the ground . Againe , at another  
 time , as somes spake of the temple how it was garnished with goodly  
 stones , and consecrate things , he sayd : are these the things you lookes  
 upon ? the dayes will come wherein a stone shall not be left upon a stone , that  
 shall not be throwne downe . And yet more particularly in the same  
 chapter he foretelleth the signes , whereby his disciples should per-  
 ceue when the tyme indeede was come : When ye shall see Ierusalem  
 besieged with foldjours , then knowe yee , that her desolation is at hand . This  
 foretold Iesus of the miserie , that was to fall upon Ierusalem , and  
 upon that people ( by the Romans ) when the Iewes seemed to be  
 in most securitie , and greatest amitie with the Romans : when  
 they could awaie with no other government but that : We haue  
 no king but Cæsar , he that maketh himself a King speakest against Cæsar ,  
 and consequently at that tyme , they might seeme in all humane  
 reason , to haue lesse cause then ever to misdoubt such calamities .  
 And yet how certaine and assured foreknowledge , and as it were  
 most sensible feeling , Iesush ad of these miseries , he declared by  
 thoso pitifull teares he shedde upon sight and consideration of Ie-  
 rusalem ( as before is mentioned ) when he wept over it : as also  
 by that tender speech he used to the women of that citie , who  
 wept for him as he was ledde to be crucified , perswading them to  
 weepe rather for themselues and for their children , ( in respect of  
 the miseries to followe ) then for him . All which prophecies ,  
 and predictions of Iesus , with sundrie other his speeches , fore-  
 shewing so particularly the imminent calamities of that Nation ,  
 and that at such tyme , when in humane reason there could be no  
 probabilitie thereof , when a certayne Heathen Chronicler named

Phlegon

Phlegon, ( about a hundredth yeeres after Christ's departure ) had diligently considered, having seene the same also in his dayes most exactly fulfilled ( for he was servant to Adrian the Emperor, by whose command the final subversion of that Iewish nation was brought to passe ) this Phlegon ( I say ) though a Pagan, yet upon consideration of these events, and others that he sawe ( as the extreme persecution of Christians foretold by Christ, and the like, he pronounced, that never any man foretold things so certainly to come, or that so precisely were accomplished, as were the predictions and prophecies of Iesus. And now albeit these predictions and prophecies concerning the punishment and reprobation of the Iewes, fulfilled so evidently in the sight of all the world might be a sufficient demonstration of his divine prescience and foreknowledge in things to come : yet were there also many other things besides, foreshewed by him, which fell out as exactly as these did, which by no humane reason or learning, could possibly be foreseeene. As for example, the foretelling of his owne death, resurrection, and ascencion, with all their severall circumstances ; the maner, time, place, and all other particularities ; as precisely, as if they had been alreadie accomplished : and that not onely to his owne Disciples, but euen to the Scribes & Pharisees, who came of purpose to tempt him : as he that shall but examine the quotations following ( which for brevitie sake I haue but one. ly zyphered, and ( as it were ) pointed at in figures ) may easely perceiue. First to his Disciples : Matth. 16, 21. chap. 17, 9, 22. chap. 20, 17. chap. 26, 1, 11, 31. 45. Ioh. 13, 33. chap. 16, 16. & 13, 3. & 18, 4. & 14, 2, 28. Then to the Scribes and Pharisees : Mat. 12, 38. chap. 21, 38. Luk. 13, 31. Ioh. 2, 18. chap. 3. 12. chap. 7, 33. chap. 8. 21, 28. chap. 12, 31. Also how his Disciples should be scattered and forsake him : Ioh. 16, 32. Of Peters denial : Mar. 26, 34. And by what maner of death he should glorifie God : Ioh. 21, 18. How Iudas one of his owne Disciples should betray him : Ioh. 6, 64, 70. chap. 13, 10, 26. chap. 17, 12. Mar. 26, 21, 46. Of the sending of the holy Ghost : Ioh. 7, 38. chap. 14, 16, 26. chap. 15, 26. chap. 16, 7. Luk. 24, 49. Of his Disciples myracles, which they should work in his name : Mark. 16, 17. Luk. 10, 18. John. 14, 12. The cruell persecution that should arise to the professors of his name in all places : Mat. 10, 16. chap. 24, 9. Ioh. 16, 1. The buyl-

ding of his Church notwithstanding ( in despite of the Dives, and all oppositions ) upon a rock, with this sure word of promise never to fayle, *that the gates of hell shall not overcome u*, Mat. 16, 18. And again, *I am with you alwaies, euon to the end of the world* Mat. 28, 20. The signes & tokens that should goe before the end of the world: as first, the false Christes, and false Prophets that should arise here and there with the Church, yea and in the church: that abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the Prophet, to be set in the holy place: Matth. 24, 5, 11. 15, 23. Meaning ( and so I thinke would the Holy Ghost haue all men to understand it, when he addeth this parenthesis; *Let him that readeth consider it* ) euenthat Arch-Antichrist, now sitting in that holy place, or church ( for so it was in tymes past ) whose fayth was once so famous in all the world, Rom. 1, 8. Warres and rumours of Warres; pestilence, famine, and earthquakes: Mat. 24, 6. Persecution, as before: *Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you, and ye shall be hated of all nations, for my names sake*, Mat. 24, 9. So were Christians in the Primitiue Church, under the Roman Emperors, those cruell Cæsars: and so haue been of latter tymes also, under the tyrannie of this Arch-antichristian Cesar, that abomination of desolation, now sitting in the selve same place: *druncken with the blood of the Sancts, and with the blood of the martyrs of Iesus*, whose destruction sleepeth not. *Come I will shewe thee the damnation of the great whore, &c.* Finally, the preaching of the Gospel to all nations, Mat. 24, 14. and the uniting, and gathering together both of Iew and Gentile into one fold, under one shepheard ( euenthat great shepheard of our soules ) *that there may be one sheepfold, and one shepheard*, Ioh. 10, 16. This is one of the last signes foretold by our Saviour: & but in part remayneth to be accomplished: and what hindereth? Euen that abomination of Desolation before spoken of, which hath been a stumbling block to all nations hethereto, both Turks and Iewes, for comming to Christianitie: which the Lord in due time will remoue. For Babylon shall fall ( as it is in the Revelation ) *is fallen, is fallen, Babylon that great citie.* In part it is fallen alreadie: and what hindereth, but that dayly and hourelly we may expect the finall desolation thereof? Dayly and hourelly ( I say, for with such celeritie, & violence ( *when it shall please God to put in their hearts whom it may concerne to fulfill his wil:* Rev. 17.17.) shall this sentence be executed. *In one day shall her plagues come upō her, death & sorrow,*

Rev. 17.6.

Rev. 18, 2.

chap. 18.3.

farrowe, and famine ; and she shall be burnt with fire, &c. In one house she shalbe made desolate. Rejoyce over her thou heauen, and ye Holy Apostles and Prophets ; for God hath giuen your judgment on her. And a mighty Angel tooke up a stone, like a great milstone, and cast it into the sea, saying : With such violence shal that great cit e Babylon be throwne downe.

Rev. 18.39

And here I might cast up together in like maner, ( making but one totall summe of all ) the prophecies of all those *Holy Apostles*, and Disciples of our Lord and Saviour : both as touching divers particulars wherof they prophecie in those tymes, fulfilled most exactly : as also touching the generall state of the Church successively in all ages, euen to the end of the world : and of the ende of the world it self. First for the particulars, I will but point at them, as before. One of those *Holy Prophets* prophecie of a generall dearthe to fall out in those tymes : which happened accordingly under Claudius Cesar, Act. 11. 27. also of Pauls imprisonment, Act. 21, 10. Paul in his sayling towards Rome, foretelleth the Centurion and the rest of the tempestuous weather to ensue, Act. 27. 10. Of their shipwrack ; but yet with safetie of their liues ver. 22. and precisely the place where they should be cast a shore : to wit, upon a certayne flindz ver. 26. In one of his Epistles he prophecieth of his owne death , 2 Tim. 4. 6. So doth also Peter , 2 Pet. 1. 14. Secondly, for the future state of the Church in these last daies, with the comming of Antichrist into the world, & all his damned crew, those hellish furies : see how precisely these *Holy Apostles and Prophets* foretell of these times , these perious times, and how liuely, they set him out in his colours, with all his additions ( as well becommeth such an infernall King ) the angel of the bottomlesse pitte, whose name in Hebrew is *Abaddon*, in Greeke *Apollyon* : that Antichrist, that man of sinne : the sonne of perdition, that wicked one, &c. with all other adjentes, and circumstances, so liuely described, as if he had been then alreadie come ; for euen in these daies ( as the Apostle speaketh ) did this mysterie of iniquitie beginne to worke. See then I say : 2 Thes. 2. 1 Tim. 3. 2 Tim. 4. 2 Pet. 2. 1 John. 2, 18. chap. 4, 1. 2 Joh. ver. 7. yea the whole Revelation is nothing els, but a continued prophecie, of all such things, as should happen to the church militant, euen from the Apostles tymes, to the ende of the world. All which prophecies we see accomplished : except before excepted the finall destruction of Babylon, and the calling of the Jewes, whereof both our Sa-

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viour himself, as also Paul hath prophecied, Rom. 11. both which  
 Rev. 22, 20. we dayly expect: and then, (as it is in the Revelation) *Come Lord  
 Jesus.* Of which second comming, or generall doome, with the  
 maner of it, and all other circumstaunes; we haue also sundrie  
 prophecies both of Christ & his Apostles, which here I will joyne  
 in one, as proceeding all from one and the same spirit: for here  
 all prophecies must come to a full period, *naturaliter.* I will onely  
 quote them, as formerly: Mat. 16, 27. chap. 19, 28. chap. 20, 1.  
 chap. 24. chap. 25. chap. 26. 64. Iohn. 5, 25. &c. 1 Cor. 15.  
 1 Thes. 4, 14. chap. 5, 1. Iam. 5, 8. 1 Pet. 4, 7. 2 Pet. 3. Jude  
 ver. 6. & 14. Rev. 21. where you shall see *a new heauen and a new  
 earth &c. New Jerusalem descending from God out of heauen, prepared as  
 a bride trimmed for her husband.*

Thus haue I brought you at length (as after a long and tedi-  
 ous passage by sea) to see land, and as it were the sea-mark where-  
 unto, after so many variable winds, and so often tacking to and  
 againe, we haue directed our course, euen from the first prophecie  
 made to Adam in Paradise: Gen. 3, 15. to the verie last period  
 of all prophecies in the Revelation, shutte up in the second Adam,  
 Jesus Christ: who is *the first and the last, Alpha and Omega, the begin-  
 ning and the ending:* in whō all prophecies kisse each other, & haue  
 Luk. 14. 44. their consummation. These are the words (sayth he) which I spake  
 unto you while I was yet with you: that all must be fulfilled, which are written  
 of me in the Law of Moses, and in the Prophets, and in the Psalmes,  
 &c. Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise  
 againe from the dead the third day, and that repentance & remission of sinnes  
 should be preached in his name among all Nations, beginning at Jerusalem.  
 I say from this Jerusalem, which now lyeth desolate, I haue brought  
 you to the New Jerusalem comming downe from heauen, as a bride ador-  
 ed for her husband: from an earthly, to a heauenly paradise, and  
 there I leaue you.

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*Summe of the former proofes.*

The Messiah must be a spirituall King, to conquer the Divill, death, and sinne: both by scripture, as also by the interpretation of the ancient Iewes themselves, vpon that place of Genesis *he shall break thine head: Therefore not a temporall King as the later Gcn. 3.15,* Iewes imagine.

The Messiah must be King over the Gentiles as well as the Iewes, both by scripture, as also by theire owne writers: Therefore not a temporall King to reigne over the onely; much lesse to subdue the Gentiles to the servitude of Iurie; as some of them imagine.

The Messiah must be both God and man: the sonne of God, the Word of God incarnate, The second person in Trinitie; both by the scriptures, as also by their owne writers: Therefore no such earthly Monarch as they exspect.

The Messiah at his comming (being to be King both of Iew and Gentile) must change the lawe of Moses: (to wit the ceremoniall and provinciall proper to the Iewes onely) and instead thereof, give a generall law to both, absolute, and perfect, to serve for all persons, times, & places to indure euен to the end of the world; therfore no such temporall monarchie to be expectēd, as they looke after. For one and the same conclusion followeth vpon all the premisses, beating vpon theire mayne ground (to wit a temporall or earthly kingdome) which being once shaken, the rest falleth to the ground.

All prophesies whatsoever, with everie particular circumstance foretold by the Prophets of the Messiah, were both substanciall, & circumstantially fulfilled in the person of our blessed Saviour: both as touching his birth, life, doctrine, myracles, death, resurrection, ascencion: and other effects afterwards of his divine power: in sending of the Holy Ghost, and the myraculous increase of

his Church &c. Therefore was he in deed the *Messiah*, no other to be expected.

The *Messiah*, by Daniels prophecie, was to appeare immediatly vpon the establisshmen: of the Roman Empire: for (saith he) *in the dayes of these Kings, shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall not be destroyed*; Dan. 2. 44. which must needs be vnderstood of the kingdome of Christ, or the *Messiah*. And in these dayes was our Saviour borne; even in the dayes of Augustus Cæsar: Therefore in him in the circumstance of time verified.

The *Messiah* by Jacobs prophecie, was appeare, imediately when the rod, or scepter, was departed from the houle of Iuda: Then appeared that state of *Jacob* our Lord and Saviour: ergo.

The *Messiah* by the prophesie of Haggai, (as also by theire owne Thalmud) was to come during the second temple: then came our Lord and Saviour: ergo. And consequently the Iewes after this time; (to wit the destruction of the second temple) in vaine expect for another,

The *Messiah* by the true account, and calculation, of Daniels *Hebdomades* or weekes of yeares; was to come just according to the times before mentioned: So did our Saviour (as is aforesaid) therefore to him doth this circumstance of time beare witnes: And consequently the Iewes, after these times by God himselfe appointed for the *Messiah*: (or rather one & the same time, for there is no other difference, but onely in adjuncts, and circumstances) expecting yet for an other; besides their vaine expectation, make God himselfe a lyer.

The *Messiah* by the scriptures, was to be borne of the tribe of Iudah of the house of David: so vvas our Saviour: Therefore, he alone the legitimate, and true borne *Messiah*: by birth-right (as I may say,) as also by *præscriptiō*, after so long time of peaceable possession: no other to be expected.

The *Messiah* by the scripture, as also by theire owne Rabbins, was to be borne of a Virgin: so vwas our Saviour, ergo.

*All other particulars foretold of the Messiah; see them fulfilled, as followeth.*

*To wit.*

*Prophecies.*

*The Mefiah alreadie come.*

'59 fulfilled.

- Mich. 5,2. That the place of his birth should be Bethlehem. Luk. 2,4.
- Ier. 31,15. That at his birth all the infants thereabouts should be slayne. Mat. 2,16.
- Psa. 72,10. That Kings or great personages should come & adore him, & offer gold & other gifts unto him. Mat. 2,1.
- Mal. 3, 1. That he should be presented in the Temple of Ierusalem for the greater glorie of that second temple. Luk. 2,22.
- Hos. 11, 1. That he should flee into Egypt and be called thence againe. Mat. 2,13.
- Num. 24, 17. That a starre should appeare at his birth, to notifie his comming into the world. Mat. 2,9.
- Mal. 3, 1. That John Baptist ( who came in the spirir and power of Eliah, and therefore was called Eliah , Luk. 1, 17. Mat. 3,1. and 4,5.
- Mat. 11,10,14. should be the messenger to goe before him, and to prepare the way, & to crye in the desert. Mat. 3,1.
- Isa. 42,2. That he should beginne his owne preaching with all humilitie quietnes & clemencie of spirit. Mat. 5,1.
- Isa. 53. That he should be poor abject and of no reputation in this world. Luk. 2,7.
- Isa. 35,5. That he should doe strange miracles and heale all diseases. Mat. 4,23.
- Isa. 53,12. That he should dye and be slayne for the sinnes of his people. Mat. 27.
- Dan. 9,26.
- Psal. 55,13. That he should be betrayed by one of his owne familiars. Mat. 26,47.
- Zach. 11,12. That he should be sold for thirtie pieces of silver. Mat. 26, 15.
- Zac. 11,13. That with those thirtie pieces there should be bought afterwards a field of o sheards. Mat. 27,7.
- Zach. 9, 9. That he should ride into Ierusalem upon an asse. Mat. 21,7.
- Isa. 50,6. That the Iewes should beat and buffet his face and defile the same with spitting. Mat. 26,67.
- Isa. 53,5. That they should whippe, rent and teare his bodie before they put him to death. Mat. 27,26.
- Isa. 53,12. That he should be put to death among theeues and mal.factors. Luk. 23,33.
- Isa. 53,7. That he should be silent before his enemies, as a sheep before his sh. arer. Mat. 27,14.
- Isa. 53,12. That he should pray for his enemies and persecutors. Luk. 23,34.
- That

Psal. 22, 18. That they should giue him vineger to drinke, divide his apparel, and cast lots for his upper garment. Mat. 27, 34.

& 69, 21. Psal. 22, 16. That the maner of his death should be crucifying, that Ioh. 19, 18. Zac. 12, 10. is, nayling of his hands and his feete to the crosse.

Zac. 12, 10. That his side should be pearced, and that they should looke upon him, whom they had so pearced. Ioh. 19, 34. 37.

Exo. 12, 46. That not a bone of him should be broken, figured in the Pasleover by that spotles lambe, without blemish, Ioh. 19, 36. a type thereof, and therefore is he called in the newe Testament, the Lambe of God that taketh away the sinnes of the world, the Lambe slayne from the beginning of the world.

Psal. 16, 9. That he should rise againe from death the third day. Mat. 28, 1.

Hose. 6, 2. That he should ascend into heauen, and there sittre at Luk. 24, 51.

Psal. 68, 18. & 110, 1. That he should ascend into heauen, and there sittre at Luk. 24, 51. the right hand of his Father triumphantly for ever. Aet. 7, 55 56

All these particulars foretold of the Messiah, see (I say) and examine how exactly they were all fulfilled in our Saviour. And there withall consider those things which fell out afterwards; as effects of his divine power. Towit, the sending of the Holy Ghost immediately after his ascension: with the miraculous increase of his Church, even in the middest of persecution. The severe punishment of all his enemies: especially that of the lewish nation. The subjection of the Devil, with all his infernall power, vnder his Apostles, and Disciples feete: togeather with the ceasing of oracles. And finally, the fulfilling of all his Prophecies; (with those likewise of his Apostles, and Disciples) most exactly. I say all these, with the former, put togeather, and well considered; may settile the hart of any Christian man, against all *Iudaisme, Paganisme, yea and Athristme* too, in the most undoubted truth of his profession; to wit the Christian religion: with this full, and finall perswasion: where-with I will knit up all: ) that *there is no other name under heaven given to the sonnes of men, whereby to be saved, but the name of Iesus Christ.* And therefore to him be the honour of our Salvation ascribed, and to no other. To him ( I say) with the Father and the Spirite: even that blessed Trinitie; *Elohim:* ) be all honour and glorie, now and evermore. Amen. Amen.

*The Authours Epistle.*

To the forlorne, and distressed Ievves in Barbarie;  
And in them to all others now groaning under  
the heavie yoak of captivitie in what natiō  
soever; scattered, & dispersed through-  
out the vworld: Grace, mercy, and  
peace, be multiplied; in *Christ*

*Iesus* the true

*Messiah.*

B eing employed not long since into *Barbarie*, the land of your captivitie; where at this present you live , in great bondage, & slaverie; & so have done this long time: (as doe also the rest of your brethren, and nation elsewhere, dispersed throughout the world, groaning under the yoak of their cruell taskmaisters: (as did your forefathers in the Land of Egypt foure hundred and thirtie yeres: this captivitie of yours, having continued now almost foure tymes Accouting from their 400 yeeres : the last and greatest of all : than the which was ne- first en- ver heard, nor read of greater of any people, from the creation of trance to the world to this day , nor shall be: ) the King, at that time of my the day of arrivall, vpon his expedition towards *Fez*, I appointed to stay at their de- *Saphia*, parture till his returne back from those warrs : where I remained thence. in the lower castle, almost six monthes, solitary, and in suspense, Exod. 12. expecting the doubtful event thercof. Whether resorted to me 40. often to accompany me, and for my better instruction in the Hebrew (whereof I had a litle tast before ) one of the cheife Rabbins of that your synagogue; *Rabbi Shimeon*: a man of grave, and sober cariage , and pleasant otherwise , of whose company I was very glad. Now and then , among other matters, arguing , and reasoning , of the *Messiah*, ( as ye say *yet to come*: but as we say, & are able to prove , by invincible arguments, and demonstrations, both out of your owne Lawe, & Rabbines , *alreadye come*: ) which gaue me occasion , ( having little els to doe ; and not knowing how to passe that tedious time better) to gather togither, all those arguments, and reasons, I had read, or for the present could conceive of my self , drawne both out of the sacred scripture, and other bookees, as touching that controversie . Whereby I might be the more able, over and besides the matter of imployment, & busynes I came about , to maintayne that Religion professed in my countrie

countrie, and the undoubted faith, whereof his Maiestie, the King of Great Britayne, (as others his predecessors have donne) profesteth himselfe a cheife defender: according to that his most iust tytle: *defender of the faith*. And afterwards, when the King sent for me to *Morocus*, being lodged amongst you by his appointment in the *Judaria*, in one of your principall Houses; where I staid, before I could get my despatch from the King, three Monthes, and a halfe; where also I grewe familiarly acquainted with divers of your nation, and was presented at sundrie times (especially at your mariages, and solemne feasts) with divers of your dainties, which I tooke very kindly, and ever since have studied, what Christian dainties I might send you backe againe in recompence; or rather duties, in steed of those dainties. Seeing also in the meane time (which I could not choose but see, with much pity, and compassion) the great, and grievous oppression, vnder which you grone: taxations, vexations, exactions; *grammings* (as you call them) even with torments rather than fayle; *drubbings* (so many hundred blowes at once, as my selfe have both seen and heard:) with that base servile and most contemptible state, and condition otherwise, (above any other natiō, or people) under which you live: not onely in *Barbary*, but in al other parts of the world besides: as a fatal effect, of that heavie curse laid on you by your own forefathers long agoe, vpon the death of Christ; (when Pilate the judge washed his hands, saying, *I am innocent of the blood of this iust man, looke yee to it:*) they cried with one consent *his blood be vpon vs & on our children*. As also of that prophesie of our Saviour in his life time, when he wept over Ierusalem saying *o if thou haddest even knowne, at the least in this thy day, those things which belong to thy peace, but now are they hid fro thine eyes &c.* And more particularly to his Disciples, he renueth it over & againe: *When yee shall see Ierusalem besieged with soldiers then know yee that her desolation is at hand. For these be the dayes of vengeance to fulfill all things that are written. For there shall be great distresse in this land, and wrath over this people. And they shall fall one the eadge of the sword and shall be lead captive into all nations &c.* Which heavie curse of your owne forefathers, and prophesie of his, how truely they have been fulfilled both the one & the other, all the world seeth, and yee your selves feele the effect: as before. The Lord in mercie, take away the vayle from your hearts, that at length ye may know those things which belōg to your peace which now are hid fro your eyes.

eyes: for why will ye dye ô ye house of Israel? These considerations (I say) and reasons , with some others , have moved me; and partly in recompence of those your definaes, and dainties, wherof I tasted so often while I was amongst you) to send you here a smal basket, of such dainties as Christendome can afford : wishing you would but tast some part of mine (as I did of yours ) being indeed Sabbath dayes dainties: *tast ( I say) and see how sweet the Lord is.* And Psal 34. 8. the rather doe I invite you to this basket, yea rather provoke you therevnto (even to your owne salvation, which through your fall is come to us Gentiles to provoke you (as it is that place) for that now the Rom. 11. time of your redemption draweth neare (with ours: much nearer now the Whē 11. We beleaved) foretold also, both by Christ, and his Apostles, as was your desolation : and shall one day , as surely and certainly come to passe, the one as the other . For God that hath promised is of power to performe it; he will doe it ; *he is ab'e to graffe you in againe, into your owne olive tree.* Verely I tell you, (saith our Saviour to the Pharisies) *ye shall not see me, untill the time come, that yee shall say blessed is he that commeth in the name of the Lord.* Therefore such a time shall cōe Luk.13.35. with out all doubt, whearin ye shall so say, that is to say, most willingly obey the Heavenly calling, without any more resisting the Ho- ly Ghost, as did your forefathers. Also in an other place : *and Jerusalem Act. 7. 51. shall be troden under foote of the Gentiles, untill the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled:* So long and no longer: there is the period. And Paul the Apostle in a most fervent manner , both prayeth and prophesieth to this eff. Et : *brethren my hearts desire, and prayer to God for Iſrael is, that they might be ſaved.* Then prophecieth at large in the chapter Rom. 10.1. following , and that most divinely, as of their fall so of their gene- rall call in due time: with many arguments, and reasons to that purp se. Which praier , and prophesie of his , proceeding from a divine instinct , and revelation; no doubt shall one day take ef- fect . *For it can not be, but that the word of God should take eff. Et For it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Grecim To the Jew first: thereis the promise there is the priviledge.. Lift up your heades now therefore ô ye Iewes, sonnes of Abraham, children of the promise: to whom per-* Rom. 9. 4. *sayneth the ad ption, and the glorie, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises: of whom are the f thers, and of whom concerning the flesh Christ came.* I say lift up your heads, and listen to the heavenly call , of Christ and his Apostle Paul, for

- your redemption draweth nere. This is the generation of them that secke him  
 of them that secke thy face : Jacob, Selah. Lift up your heads ye gates, &  
 Psal. 24, 6. be ye lift up, ye everlasting doores, and the King of glorie shall come in. And  
 Luk. 21, 28. let us Christians also ( upon whom the ends of the World are come ) lift up  
 Mat. 24, 32. our heads and knowe ( remembryng that parable of the figtree ) when  
 we see these things beginne to come to passe, that the kingdome of God is near,  
 Act. 20, 32. even at the doores. Verely, I say unto you, this generation shall not passe, till  
 all these things be donne : Heaven and earth shall passe away, but my Words  
 shall not passe away. They are the words of our Saviour.  
 And now oretheren ( to returne to Paul ) I commend you to God, and to  
 the word of his grace, whch is able to buyld you up, and to give you an inher-  
 itance among all them which are sanctified. Be favourable unto Sion for  
 Psal. 51, 18. thy good pleasure, build the walls of Ierusalem. Then shalt thou accept the  
 sacrifice of righteousnes, even the burnioffring and oblation, then shall they  
 offer calues upon thyne altar. Oh gine salvation unto Israel out of Sion,  
 Psal. 153, 6. when God turneth the captivuite of his people, then shall Jacob rejoice, and  
 Israel shall be glad. When the Lord brought againe the captivuite of Sion,  
 Psal. 126. we were like them that dreame : then was our mouth filled with laughter ;  
 and our tongue with joye : then said they among the Heathen, The Lord  
 Psal. 106, 47. hath done great things for them. The Lord hath done great things for us  
 whereof we rejoice. O Lord bring againe our captivuite, as the rivers in the  
 south. Save us ( O Lord our God ) and gather us from among the Heathen,  
 Psal. 102, 13. that we may praise thyne holy name, and glorie in thy praise. Comfort us  
 according to the dayes, that thou hast afflictid us, & according to the yeeres  
 that we haue scene er el. Thou wilt arise, and haue mercie upon Sion, for  
 the time to haue mercie thereon, for the appointed time is come. For thy ser-  
 vants delight in the stones thereof, and haue pitie on the dust thereof. Then  
 the Heathen shall feare the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth  
 thy glorie : when the Lord shall buyld up Sion, and shall appewe in his glo-  
 rie : and shall turne unto the prayer of the desolate, & not despise their prayer.  
 This shall be written for the generation to come, and the people which shall  
 be created shall praise the Lord, for he hath looked downe from the heights of  
 his sanctuarie, out of the heaven unto the Lord behula the earth : but he might  
 haue the mourning of the prisoner, and deliver the children appointed unto  
 death : that they may declare the name of the Lord in Sion, and his praise in  
 Psal. 69, 35. Ierusalem. For God wil save Sion, and buyld the cities of Iuda, that men  
 may dwel there, and haue it in possession : the seed alſ of his servants shall  
 inherit it, and they that loue his name shall walke in it. Surely the Lord  
 & 94, 14. will not forſake his people, neyther wil he forſake his inheritance. He hathe  
 alwayſ

alway remembred his covenant and promise, that he made to a thousand generations. Thou wilt thinke upon thy congregation which thou hast possessed of old, & on the rodde of thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed, and on mount Sion, wherein thou hast dwelt. Yea when the Lord turneth againe the captivitie of his people, which will be, when they turne unto him by hartie repentance, not before : When they cryed to the Lord in their trouble, he delivered them out of their distresse, then will he make euen their verie enimies to become their friends, & giue them grace & favour in the sight of all those kings and princes, under whom now they liue and groane in most miserable slaverie and bondage ( as in their former captivities may be obserued ) He sawe when they were in affliction and heard their crye. Heremē- bred his covenant towards them, and repented according to the multitude of his mercies, and gaue them favour in the sight of all them that led them captives, for the hearts of Kings are in the hands of the Lord, as the rivers of waters : he turneth them which way soever it pleus thim. So the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus King of Persia, ( af.ter that their seauentie yeeres captivitie in Babylon) as also Darius and others to write in their behalf, sundrie most favourable edicts, for their returne into their owne countrie again: with large liberalitie, for the readifying, of the temple of God in Ierusalem : for the Lord had made them glad, and turned the heart of the King of Asshur unto them, to incourage them in the work of the house of God, euen the God of Israel. Therefore Ezra blesseth the Lord, for all these extraordinarie favours, saying, Blessed be the Lord God of our Fathers, which so bath put in the Kings heart to beautifie the house of the Lord, that is in Ierusalem, &c. Yea rather then sayle of his promised deliverance to his people, when they crye unto him in their distresse, he will rebuke euen kings for their sakes. As he did Pharaoh king of Egypt, in the dayes of old : with this peremptorie commaund by the hand of Moses over and over : Let my people goe that they may serue me, or if thou wilt not &c. inflicting upon them one plague after another, till at length they were forced to driue them away (as it is in that place) Rise up, get you out from among my people, and goe serue the Lord, as ye have said. And the Egyprians did force the people, because they would send them out of the Land in hast ( for they sayd we dye all) giving them favour in the meane tyme, in the sight of the Egyptians : also Moses was verie great in the Land of Egypt in the sight of Pharaohs servants, and in the sight of the people. Behold I haue made thee Pharaohs God (layth the Lord) so

Psal. 105, 8

&amp; 74, 2.

&amp; 107, 6.

&amp; 106, 44.

Prov. 21, 1.

Ezr. 1, 1.

chap. 6, 1.

chap. 6, 22.

Exo. 7, 16.

&amp; 8, 1, 20.

&amp; 9, 1, 13.

&amp; 10, 3.

Exod. 12, 31

Cha. 11, 3.

Ch. 7, 1,

Psal. 136, 11

Acountiug he brought out Iſrael from among them, for his mercie endureth for evr, with the time as a mightie hand and out strectched arme, &c. after four hundredth and thirtie before.

Exo. 12, 41.

yeeres captivitie in Egypt. And when the four hundredth and thirtie yeeres were expyred, euен the ſelf ſame day departed all the hoſts of the Lord out of the Land of Egypt.

chap. 13, 21

And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud to lead them the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to giue them light.

Pſal. 136, 13

He divided the ſea in two parts, & made Iſrael to paſſe through the mids of it, and overthrew Pharaoh and his hoſt in the red ſea, for his mercie indureth for ever.

So leading them through the wil dernes & feeding them fortie yeeres with Manna frō heauen: till at length he brought them ſafe & ſound, (as it were upon egles wings) mau-

gre all difficulties and oppositions of enimies what ſoever, euен to the promised Land of Canaan the lot of their inheritance. Where they continued in peace and proſperitie, ſo long as they ſerved him, &

kept his conimandements: but when once they ſinned againſt him: (or rather as often as they ſinned, for it was not once but often) & forgat the Lord their God, which brought them out of the Land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage: then he ſuffered their enemies to prevayle againſt them & tyrannize over them, ſometymes one

and ſometimes another, till at length they were caried captiues to Babylon. Yet ever(as the burde of that psalm is) whē they cryed to the

Lord in their trouble, he delivered them out of their diſtriſfe, rayſing up from tyme to tyme Judges (as he did Moles and Iofhua at the fuſt)

which delivered them out of the hands of their oppreſſors.

Othoniel, who delivered the out of the hands of the King of Arā, as it is in that place, where it is ſaid, that the children of Iſrael diſtric-

kedly in the ſight of the Lord, & forgat the Lord their God, & ſerved Ba-lim; therfore the wrath of the Lord was kindled againſt Iſrael, & he ſold them into the hand of Chushan-rishathaim, king of Aram, who they ſerved eight yeeres.

But when they cryed unto the Lord, the Lord stirred them up a Saviour, euен Othoniel, &c. So the land had reſt fortie yeeres. Ehud, who deliuered

the out of the hand of Eglon, king of Moab. Then the childeſ of Iſrael again committed wickednes in the ſight of the Lord, & the Lord ſtrengthened Eglon king of Moab, &c. So they ſerved Eglon king of Moab 18 yeeres.

But whē they cryed unto the Lord, the Lord stirred the up a Saviour, Ehud the ſonne of Gera, &c. So the land had reſt 80 yeeres. And after him was Shamgar the ſonne of Anath, which ſlew of the Philſtims 600 men with an oxe goad, & he alſo delivered Iſrael.

Deborah & Baraek who deliuered the out of the hand of Iabin, king of Canaan. And the children of Iſrael be-

rael began again to doe wickedly in the sight of the Lord, & the Lord sold thē  
 into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, whose chif Captain was Sisera. Then  
 the children of Iſrael cryed to the Lord, &c. And at that tyme Deborah a Propheteſ  
 judged Iſrael, then ſhe ſent & called Barak &c. And the Lord deſtrayed Sisera & all his charets &c. And the land had rest 40 yeres. Ge-  
 don, who delivered thē out of the hand of the Midianites. Afier-  
 ward the children of Iſrael committed wickednes in the sight of the Lord, &  
 the Lord gave them into the hands of Midian 7 yeres &c. So was Iſrael ex-  
 ceedingly impovertiſhed by the Midianites: therfore the childrē of Iſrael cryed  
 unto the Lord &c. & he rayfed thē another Saviour euuen Gedeon, that  
 valiant man, who with three hundred men (& no more) ſuch as lapped  
 water with their tonges (the rest ſent awaie by the Lords command)  
 overthrew the whole hoſt of Midia, with this crye the ſword of the Lord & of Gedeon. Thus was Midian brought low before the children of Iſrael: ſo  
 that they lift vp their heads no more: & the countrie was in quietnes 40 yeres  
 in the dayes of Gedeon. But whē Gedeon was dead the children of Iſraell tur-  
 ned away &c. and remembred not the Lord their God which had delivered  
 them out of the hands of all their enimies on every ſide &c. After him ſuc-  
 ceeded Abimelech his ſonne. After Abimelech Tola. Afier Tola, Iair  
 the Gileadite. After theſe arose Zephthe who delivered thē out of the  
 hand of the Ammonites. And the childrē of Iſrael wrought wickedneſ-  
 gain in the sight of the Lord, and ſerved Baalum &c, & forſooke the Lord &  
 ſerved not him. Therfore the wrath of the Lord was kindled againſt Iſrael &  
 the Lord ſold them into the hands of the Philistims, & into the hands of the  
 childrē of Ammon &c. Thē the children of Iſrael cryed unto the Lord &c. So the Lord rayfed them up another valiant man euuen Zephthe. Then  
 the ſpirit of the Lord came upō Zephthe &c. So Zephthe went unto the childrē of Ammon to fight againſt them, & the Lord delivered them into his hands.  
 Thus the children of Ammon were humbled before the childrē of Iſrael. And  
 Zephthe judged Iſrael 6 yeres. Afier him Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Iſrael. After him Elon. After Elon, Abdon. But the children of Iſrael continued to comi wickednes in the sight of the Lord, & the Lord deli-  
 vered them into the hands of the Philistims 40 yeres. Then God ray-  
 fed up Samſon, who with the jawe-bone of an asſe ſlew a thouſand  
 of the Philistims at once. And he judged Iſrael in the dayes of the Phil-  
 ſtims 20 yeres.

Thus may we ſee by all theſe examples (and make uſe thereof if we be wiſe) what the ſtate and condiſion of Gods people hath  
 been ever of old, the effect in breefe, or burden of the ſonge, no-  
 thing

Judg 4,40

chap.5, 31.

chap. 6, 1.

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chap. 6, 12.

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chap. 10, 10.

chap. 11, 1.

chap. 11, 29.

chap. 12, 7.

chap. 13, 1.

chap. 15, 15.

v. 5. 20.

thing els but this: when they sinned against the Lord, he delivered them into the hands of their enimies: but when they cried to the Lord in their trou-ble (that is to say repented) he straigt wrye delivered them out of their distres, raysing up from tyme to time, one Saviour or deliverer after an other, & so immediatly governing them by judges till the daies of Samuel. When this people still growing worse and worse, & not contented with this sacred kind of government, immediatly from God himself, but desyring a King like all other Nations : *Make us now a king to judge us like all other nations*: he gaue them a King in his anger, saying to Samuel : *bear the voyce of the people in all that they shall say unto thee, for they haue not cast thee away, but they haue cast me away, that I should not raigne over them, &c.* And as before under the judges, so now under the Kings, still as they sinned, and multiplied their transgressions, so did the Lord inflict and multiply upon them his judgements, one plague after another : tili at length they were carried captiues into Babylon. After which long captivitie, yet resto-red again upon their repentance, the time was not long, but they fell again to their old byas, and forgate the Lord their God, which had done so great things for them: yea rather, now worse then ever, per-secuting the Prophets from tyme to tyme, whom God raysed up amongst them, and killing them one after another : even till the coming of the *Messiah*, & him likewise they crucified. Wherupon ensued this last & finall desolatiō, as the full measure of their sins deserved, & as themselues desired, saying : *his blood be upon us & upon our chidren*: which hath continued now almost this 1600 yeres: the longest captivitie & greatest miserie that ever happened to any people, and so shall continue, till they (as did their forefa-thers) turne to the Lord by true & heartie repentance, & crye unto the Lord in their trouble, & the will the Lord deliver them out of their distresse, according to the former examples, and not be-fore. And this is the state and condition of the Iewes at this day: the miscrable state(I say) with the cause & the remedie, which God graunt ye may make use of. *Amen.*

## ERRATA.

In the first page, or Title, for [under the yoke] read under the heavie yoke. In the 4 page of the Epistle Dedicatore, for [Armanians] read Armenians. Alſo in the 5 & last[not onely advance]not onely highly advance. for [Argos] Argus. For [as the funne in his brightnes] as the starres for ever and ever. Dan 11. Pag. 51 of the Book, put out these words [of a true Prophet, and conſequently] With what other faults els, I desire the judicious Reader to correct with his penne.

